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Revised park upgrade plan would fell fewer trees

City Council to consider plan to cut down 24 trees at Ocean View Park

By Alan Lopez
STAFF WRITER

A plan to cut down 11 Monterey pine and 13 redwood trees at Ocean View Park in Albany will go before the City Council on Monday as part of a $2.9 million plan to upgrade three city parks. Yellow fliers telling people the trees will come down have been affixed onto the trees in question. The trees are grouped on the western edge of the park south of the city teen center.

The city originally planned to remove 24 of 44 redwood trees but reconsidered following concerns from residents, recreation director Melinda Chinn said. The city is still planning to remove all of the pine trees in the area.

"The council approved the plan with the number of trees taken out," Chinn said "But as people analyzed it more, we had people concerned about the number of trees, and we've redrawn it. And it will go back to the council for discussion."

The council may also discuss a withdrawn plan to build a community room at Terrace Park as well as a recent memo from an Emeryville architect saying plans to refurbish Memorial Park may hurt the historical integrity of the park as well as the Veterans Memorial Hall.

In a nine-page memo, Burton Edwards, a senior associate with Siegel and Strain Architects in Emeryville, and historical consultant Bruce Anderson advise the city against a number of changes to Memorial Park. They include planned entry columns, seat walls, and a sign adjacent to the Portland Avenue sidewalk; new walkway-paving material; and new tree clusters that would obscure the view of the Veterans building and more.

Edwards writes that the 1930s-era Veterans Hall is the most important feature at Memorial Park. Its historical significance and integrity make it a special place and an "exceptionally valuable resource" for Albany.

Because of all of the additions and changes to Memorial Park over the years, Edwards believes it has become more important than ever to implement landscape improvements that do not compete with or obstruct vistas or sight lines of the hall and its immediate setting.

"Landscape improvements need to be subservient to the Veterans Memorial Building and its site," Edwards writes, "rather than calling attention to themselves by introducing new and inappropriate styles, patterns, forms, and paving, building and plant materials."

Last week, the city's park and recreation commission agreed to forward the memo to the council but to ignore it and move forward with the city's original plans.

"I think it's just full of errors," parks commissioner Brian Parker said. "There's some interesting information, but I think the conclusions are wrong because he didn't understand what we were up to."

Earlier this week, Edwards said he believed what the city was planning to do and what he had recommended were not that different.

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MARTIN SNAPP
Snapp Shots

Thieves steal custom bikes for disabled

IT'S HARD TO IMAGINE a worthier cause than the Bay Area Outreach & Recreation Program in Berkeley. For almost three decades, BORP has provided recreation activities for a population that previously had been left out — the disabled. It sponsors wheelchair basketball leagues, wheelchair soccer leagues, soccer leagues for the blind, and a host of other competitive sports programs. On Saturday mornings when the weather permits, as many as 50 disabled kids gather at Cesar Chavez Park and embark on a group ride along the Bay Trail on special bicycles, each one fitted to the rider's disability. Developmentally disabled children ride with a trained partner on a bicycle built for two. Children with cerebral palsy or brain injuries ride three-wheeled bikes. Children who have lost the use of their legs ride handcycles. The results are astonishing. According to a survey by the National Commission on Disability, 22 percent of children with disabilities drop out before they finish high school — more than double the national average. But 100 percent of the kids who went through BORP in the past 10 years got their high school diplomas. Only 12 percent of disabled adults go on to graduate from college. But 72 percent of BORP's grads go to college, and every one of them has graduated so far. The U.S. Department of Labor says 70 percent of disabled people in this country are unemployed. BORP graduates beat that figure on its head: 70 percent of them have jobs. Great program, huh? But it came to a crashing halt last week when thieves broke into BORP's warehouse at Aquatic Park and stole BORP's entire

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MARK DUFRENE/STAFF



Just like Shadi

DENISE SANGSTER and firefighter Brian Cheshareck, above, tie down camels and wise men as they help set up the display of Sundar Shadi's Christmas sculptures at Moeser Lane and Seaview Drive in El Cerrito on Tuesday. At far left, El Cerrito firefighter-paramedic Dave Yun and Capt. Michael Bond assemble the village and its lights. Shadi, who died in 2002 at the age of 101, used to set up the Nativity scene every year at his home at the top of Moeser, and now volunteers and firefighters have taken over the job.

City considers raising taxes for lighting, landscaping

By Alan Lopez
STAFF WRITER

El Cerrito homeowners may be asked early next year to chip in more money annually for the city's landscaping and lighting.

An engineer's report released this week proposed increased taxes for upkeep of the city's parks and recreation facilities, lighting, and street medians. According to the report, owners of homes with fewer than 5,000 square feet — those primarily living in the city's flatlands — may be asked to pay less than their hillside counterparts. Commercial property owners and owners of multi-unit homes would pay varied amounts depending on the size, number of units or location.

Members of three city commissions discussed the report earlier this week. The City Council will consider placing the assessment on the ballot at its Jan. 17 meeting, said Karen Pinkos, El Cerrito's assistant to the city manager.

If it does, property owners would receive a ballot by mail Feb. 1 and have 45 days to return it. A majority vote is required.

"If the new district does not pass with the new rates, the old district with the old rates will stay the same," Pinkos said. "The lighting and landscaping district will not go away."

The city wants to increase the tax to keep up with inflation. It was instituted in 1988 by a vote of the council.

The tax generates $750,000 annually, falling short of the $1.1 million in expenses that lighting and landscaping maintenance creates. Every year, the general fund makes up the difference.

Randy Leptien, a consultant and civil engineer who wrote the city's first assessment district in 1988, has generated new figures in a draft engineer's report for how the city can make up the difference.

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District postpones vote to move school

■ Speakers concerned about costs, effect the continuation high would have on the area

By Alan Lopez
STAFF WRITER

The Albany school district postponed a decision to move MacGregor Continuation High School to the site of a former elementary school during a meeting that drew a number of speakers who questioned the effect of the school on the Albany Hill neighborhood.

Others questioned the school district's estimate that it would cost between $5,000 and $10,000 to move the MacGregor campus while maintaining its high-quality facilities and compliance with federal requirements for the disabled.

The school district is considering moving MacGregor High School, located in five classrooms at the Ocean View Elementary School campus, to the site of the former Vista Elementary School, at 720 Jackson St., to make room for new elementary school students in the 2006-2007 school year.

As a result, either the Albany-Berkeley Chinese School or the Bright Star Montessori School, which are now located at the Vista site, would be forced to move.

The school district will consider the issue again on Jan. 10.

Meanwhile, Charlie Blanchard, who was selected president of the school board by the rest of the board members Tuesday night, said he would attend Monday's City Council meeting, when the council will hear an appeal of a recent decision granting a use permit extension to the Chinese School.

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JOANNA JHANDA/STAFF

HEAD TEACHER SWARNA MATZ helps Pasquale Morton, 5, with math problems last week at Bright Star Montessori in Albany, which may be asked by the school district to move to a new site to make room for MacGregor Continuation High School students.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Commission advises more police officers

The El Cerrito planning commission has recommended that the city increase its ratio of police officers from 1.23 to 1.8 per 1,000 residents, following a memo from the police chief saying that police response times have slowed by 74 percent over the past three years.

In an Aug. 31 memo, El Cerrito Police Chief Scott Kirkland said the average response time for priority 1 calls was 3.69 minutes from 1995 to 2002. Because of an increase in calls to the department, in 2003 the average response time increased to 6.41 minutes, Kirkland writes.

Planning commission chair Doug Mansel said he's experienced the slower response time.

"I hope they can get that response time back to where it used to be or at least trending that way," he said.

The commission recommended that the City Council amend its general plan to allow the increase in police officers. Mansel said it could result in a total of four additional police officers, or one more officer on the street at any given time. The city typically has between three and four officers on duty.

El Cerrito city offices to close Dec. 26-30

City offices will close between Dec. 26 and Dec. 30. They will be open between 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, Dec. 23 and Monday, Jan. 2. City Hall is located at 10890 San Pablo Ave. For more information, call 510-215-4310.

City asked to help air school board meetings

The West County Mayors and Supervisors Association will be asked to discuss a request by Pinole officials for El Cerrito to share in the cost of broadcasting West Contra Costa school board meetings.

In a Nov. 16 letter, the Pinole city manager requested that El Cerrito chip in $4,286 toward the annual $30,000 cost of airing the meetings.

"In these particular trying times for our schools, broadcasting of these meetings have taken on even greater importance," writes Pinole City Manager Belinda Espinosa. "Additionally, the financial burden this puts on us is why we are asking for your financial participation in this process."

Espinosa said Hercules and Pinole have been paying for the cost of televising the meetings.

At its Monday meeting, members of the El Cerrito City Council differed on whether the school district should be responsible to air the meetings, said Karen Pinkos, the assistant to the city manager. The council agreed to place the issue on the agenda of an upcoming meeting of the West County Mayors Association, she said.

Council to hear appeal of condo project

The El Cerrito City Council will hear the appeals of a decision approving a 128-unit condominium development on the southeast corner of El Cerrito Plaza on Monday, Jan. 9. The Albany school district, the Albany city government and two neighborhood associations have filed appeals of a planning commission decision approving the project.

In addition, the council canceled its regularly scheduled meeting for this Monday, and will instead meet Monday with the design review board to discuss the potential designs of a new city hall. Council meetings are held at 7:30 p.m. at the City Council Chambers, 7007 Moeser Lane. For more information, call 510-215-4305 or visit el-cerrito.org.

— Alan Lopez

Emotions boil over school kitchens

By Shirley Dang
STAFF WRITER



GREGORY URQUIAGA

JENEE MARRON checks on lunches at Stewart Elementary in Pinole. The renovated kitchens in the West Contra Costa district don't include stoves or sinks but are equipped with warming steamer tables. PTA members are upset, claiming the change hinders fund-raising efforts.

Parents are complaining that the West Contra Costa school district's decision to do away with fully functional kitchens in its remodeled schools is hampering their fund-raising activities.

West Contra Costa's 17 newly renovated schools — which cost an estimated $300 million — can warm up frozen, prepackaged burgers and keep celery cold. But under county health codes, the kitchens cannot be used to cook food.

The demise of functional kitchens, combined with the recent crackdown by county health inspectors, nearly spelled the end of parents' fund raising, West Contra Costa parents say.

Madera Elementary in El Cerrito, which reopened last spring, canned its annual fifth-grade spaghetti feed. There'll be no hot cocoa at the winter singalong this year, either.

"When they remodeled the school, we were told we would get what we had. We don't have that," said Becky McDermith, co-president of the Madera PTA. "When it came down to it, it was taken away from us."

Stewart Elementary in Pinole lost nearly $15,000 in hot dog sales alone last year, PTA President Freddie Ennis said.

After a public uproar, the school board voted this past month to use some of the $400 million in newly approved contraction bonds to install $50,000 to $100,000 community kitchens at the 17 schools, as well as the 16 listed on the new bond's repair list.

"Food is an important part of community," argued board member Karen Pfeifer.

Board member Dave Brown said he approved of the full kitchens based on his memories of Ellerhorst Elementary School.

"The best day was Monday. That was hot-dog day," Brown said.

District administrators say they didn't leave out kitchens by accident, but purposely opted for "warming kitchens."

They often include stoves that heat to 500 degrees but don't meet the health-code regulations for baking a pan of homemade lasagna, as at Stewart. Small kitchen basins can wash hands — but not tomatoes or carrots for a salad.

These kitchens do, however, complement the district's $9.2 million centralized food preparation center finished in 2000.

"The district invested millions of dollars in the state-of-the-art food facility," said David Azcarraga, maintenance and operations director. "It has never been the intention to have kitchens."

A central kitchen with satellites may represent the future of school food prep, both locally and globally.

The USDA regularly steers international officials seeking ideas on school lunch programs to West Contra Costa's food center, which pumps out nearly 20,000 meals a day. The district hosted a delegation from Hong Kong this fall, on the heels of British and Mexican officials from last school year.

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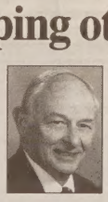
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William Johnson, 75, enjoyed helping others

By Alan Lopez
STAFF WRITER



William Johnson
Retired attorney was a 'dynamo' in community service

William Allen Johnson, a former Albany attorney and longtime member of the Albany Lions Club, died Tuesday morning of cancer. He was 75.

"Even a month before he passed away, he was one of the hardest-working guys I know," said Bob Nichols, a member of the Albany Lions Club and former Albany mayor. "Not for himself but for the community.

"Whether he was working with young people at Albany high school — the Leo's club; whether he was working with the Lions Center for Visual Impairment or his present position as president of the wilderness camp for hearing impaired. He was a constant dynamo for folks like that, and a force, and that will clearly be missed."

Born in Kingman, Ariz., on April 13, 1930, "Bill" Johnson served for four years in the Navy until 1954, when he moved to Albany. In 1956, he married wife Marjorie, and then earned a law degree from the Boalt Hall School of Law at UC Berkeley in 1960.

That same year, he set up his law practice specializing in probate, wills and trusts at Albany Square on San Pablo Avenue. He moved to Pinole in 1978, but kept his practice in Albany until his retirement in 1995.

City Councilwoman Jewel Okawachi, whose typesetting business was also located at Albany Square in the 1960s and 1970s, recalled Johnson acting as president of the Chamber of Commerce board and speaking at Albany High School on career days.

"I think he's influenced a lot of lives," she said.

Johnson joined the Albany Lions Club in 1971, was president in 1975 and 1976, and served as the Lions district governor in 1994 and 1995. He earned a number of awards for his service, including District Lion of the Year in 1989-1990.

"When he was a child, he had surgery at Shriner's Hospital," Marjorie Johnson said. "He was very concerned about giving back to that service. He tried to help everybody."

Johnson is survived by his wife Marjorie, his brother G. Robert Johnson and sister Jean Raper.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Lions Center for the Blind of Oakland and Pittsburg, 3834 Opal St., Oakland, 95609, or 175 Alvarado Ave., Pittsburg, 94565. Call 510-450-1580 or 925-432-3013.

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EPITAPH

William Allen Johnson

■ **BORN:** April 13, 1930 in Kingman, Ariz.

■ **DIED:** Dec. 13 in Alamo

■ **SURVIVORS:** Wife Marjorie Johnson, brother G. Robert Johnson and sister Jean Raper

■ **SERVICES:** Memorial services will be held at 1:30 p.m., Saturday at the Lafayette Veterans Hall, 3780 Mt. Diablo Blvd. in Lafayette.

ALBANY POLICE REPORTS

Wednesday, Dec. 7

■ **DUI** — At about 12:30 a.m., officers arrested a 45-year-old Berkeley man driving a blue 2001 BMW near Solano and Ventura avenues on suspicion of DUI.

■ **DUI** — A 35-year-old Sacramento man driving a 2002 Audi near Solano and Peralta avenues was arrested at about 2 a.m. on suspicion of DUI.

■ **DISORDERLY CONDUCT** — Officers arrested a 29-year-old Richmond man on the 1000 block of Washington Avenue for disorderly conduct.

■ **AUTO BREAK-IN** — A Kensington resident reported that someone broke into her red 2004 Mazda Rx8 while it was parked at the dead end of Buchanan Street at around 10 a.m.

■ **VANDALISM** — A business on the 1000 block of San Pablo Avenue reported that during the night someone damaged the tires of a blue 2005 Ford that was parked in a fenced area. There were no witnesses.

Thursday, Dec. 8

■ **CITATION** — At about 1 a.m., officers stopped a white 1997 Buick Electra near Carlson and Central avenues for a vehicle code violation. The driver, a San Pablo man, was cited for driving with a suspended license, and the vehicle was impounded.

Friday, Dec. 9

■ **VANDALISM** — During the night, someone damaged the window of a restaurant on the corner of San Pablo and Solano avenues. There were no witnesses.

■ **DUI** — Shortly before midnight, officers arrested a 38-year-old Oakland woman driving a black 1992 Acura on San Pablo Avenue near Castro Street on suspicion of DUI.

Saturday, Dec. 10

■ **DUI** — At about 2 a.m., officers arrested a 26-year-old Richmond man driving a silver 1993 Lincoln near Solano Avenue and Madison Street on suspicion of DUI.

■ **PURSE STOLEN** — At about noon, someone stole a purse belonging to a Richmond resident out of a silver Lexus parked on the 800 block of Evelyn Avenue. There were no witnesses.

■ **DOUBLE ARREST** — At about 3 p.m., officers responded to Golden Gate Fields on the 1100 block of Eastshore when security reported two people using forgery. Officers arrested the two Massachusetts men, ages 41 and 68, on suspicion of conspiracy, burglary and possession of stolen property.

Sunday, Dec. 11

■ **DUI** — Officers arrested a 21-year-old Albany man at about 2 a.m. ... black 2001 Infinity near Wa... Cornell avenues on suspicion ...

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Weekly summary

For the week of Dec. 5, ... five vehicles, responded to ... alarms, and attended to fou... or lost animals. In the domest... ficers responded to 11 civil ... and 157 civil assists. Officers ... 102 vehicles or persons, ... tions and 77 warnings. Alba... ers/paramedics responded to ... call and nine medical emerg...

EL CERRITO POLICE REPORTS

Monday, Dec. 5

■ **AUTO THEFT** — Tires and rims were taken from a 2001 Acura at a car dealership on the 10200 block of San Pablo Avenue sometime between 10:30 a.m. on Dec. 5 and 9:30 a.m. the next day.

■ **CIVIC STOLEN** — A green 1997 Honda Civic was taken from the 1700 block of Arlington Boulevard sometime between 8 p.m. on Dec. 5 and 10:30 a.m. the next day.

Tuesday, Dec. 6

■ **ACCORD FOUND** — A stolen 1994 Honda Accord was recovered in a parking lot on the 11200 block of San Pablo Avenue at 11 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 7

■ **AUTO BURGLARY** — Some $1,200 worth of tools was taken from a 1993 Isuzu sports utility vehicle on the 1600 block of Elm Street sometime between 10:30 p.m. on Dec. 7 and 6:30 a.m. the next day.

■ **SATURN FOUND** — A stolen 1994 Saturn SC was recovered on the 1800 block of Key Boulevard at 12:25 p.m. The vehicle had been reported stolen to Berkeley police on Dec. 5.

Thursday, Dec. 8

■ **BURGLARY ATTEMPT** — An attempt was made to remove a motor from a boat parked in a driveway on the 1500 block of Norvell Street at 6:50 a.m.

■ **ESCORT STOLEN** — A 1995 Ford Escort was taken from the 400 block of Richmond Street sometime between 8 and 11 a.m.

■ **BURGLARY ATTEMPT** — An attempt was made to remove the stereo from a vehicle on the 6500 block of Moeser Lane at midnight.

■ **POWER DRILLS STOLEN** — Power drills were taken from a garage on the 600 block of Balra Drive between noon and 1 p.m.

■ **AUTO BURGLARY** — A tape deck and iPod charger were taken from a white 1986 Volvo on the 3000 block of Yolo Avenue sometime between 5:30 p.m. on Dec. 8 and 5:30 p.m. the next day. The vehicle was entered through the passenger side rear window, police said.

Friday, Dec. 9

■ **AUTO BURGLARY** — Around 4:35 p.m., a window was smashed and a backpack was taken from a Honda Accord on the 9900 block of San Pablo Avenue.

Saturday, Dec. 10

■ **SHOPLIFTING ARREST** — At 1:30 p.m., police arrested a 37-year-old Oakland man on suspicion of shoplifting at Marshalls.

■ **CAMRY STOLEN** — A 1987 Toyota Camry was taken from the 2000 block of Harper Street sometime between 5 and 8 p.m.

■ **LEGEND STOLEN** — A 1986 Acura Legend was taken from the 7300 block of Donal Avenue sometime between 7:30 p.m. on Dec. 10 and 11:30 a.m. on Dec. 12.

■ **FRAUD ARREST** — At 9 p.m., police arrested a 19-year-old Oakland woman on suspicion of attempting to purchase items at Target using a false identification and counterfeit checks.

Sunday, Dec. 11

■ **THEFT ARREST** — At 1 p.m., police arrested a 34-year-old Richmond man on the 1500 block of Richmond Street on suspicion of possessing stolen property and providing false identification.

■ **DRUG ARREST** — Police ... two Richmond men on ... possessing marijuana for ... ing a traffic stop on the 10... of San Pablo Avenue at 2:...

■ **ROBBERY** — Two men ... woman of her purse at ... and Conlon Avenue at 8:0...

■ **ASSAULT** — An 18-year... jaw was broken following ... at San Pablo and Potrero ... 4:30 p.m.

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FACES & PLACES

Five Little Monkeys wins fine little prize

Stephanie Taylor, the owner of the Five Little Monkeys toy store at 1230 Solano Ave., has won the holiday window-decorating contest sponsored by the Solano Avenue Association.

The window features bears dressing under mistletoe; and mice snuggled into tiny shoes and sleeping bags.

"Owner Stephanie Taylor has stocked her little windows with such delights that any child or, for that matter, the child in all of us will be (transported) into another world," according to a press release.

The Solano Avenue Association awarded second place to Harmonique Home at 1820 Solano Ave. and third place to Orchid Florist at 1768 Solano Ave. Both stores are in Berkeley. Photos and more information are available online at www.solanoave.org.

— Alan Lopez

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BUSY STUDENT: Jennifer Tutass, a 2004 El Cerrito High School graduate and a sophomore at California Maritime Academy, had a busy weekend Dec. 2, 3 and 4.

On the first two days, she was in Phoenix, Ariz., where the academy's women's basketball team was in the Southwestern Invitational Tournament. Tutass was a guard for the Keelhaulers, who won one and lost one there.

Then it was back to the Bay Area, where Tutass competed in the City College of San Francisco Invitational Judo Tournament and took first place in the mid-weight black belt division.

Tutass, who has been studying judo since age 7 and trains at Cunningham Judo Club in Hercules, is well-established in martial arts. In January she will move for Colorado Springs, Colo., where she has been invited to train at the Olympic Training Center. She will enroll at the University of Colorado. "I'll be training to make the (Olympic) team when the trials come around in June of 2008," she said.

Asked whether her busy weekend left her fatigued, she said, "Not at all. I think I had more energy than ever."

Managing two sports simultaneously is nothing new for Tutass, who played softball in high school while training and competing in judo.

Her major in college is global studies and maritime affairs.

— Chris Treadway



TUE NOM TON/TIMES

MADERA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL students Cheyenne Benitez, 11, Courtney Williams, 10, and Raphaella Carvalho, 10, play with the Elementary Festival Band during the El Cerrito Area Winter Band Festival at Portola Middle School in El Cerrito on Tuesday.



GREGORY URQUIAGA/STAFF

MONICA KORTZ and her daughter Madison, who is a little afraid, visit Santa at the holiday pancake breakfast in the El Cerrito Community Center last Saturday. About 300 people came out for the David Hunter Scholarship fund-raiser.

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GREETING CARDS: Kensington Elementary School is selling student-designed greeting cards to benefit its sister school in Baton Rouge, La.

The five designs created by student artists include cards for Christmas, Hanukkah, New Year's, winter, and a year-round friendship design, and they are $10 for a pack of 12. Proceeds benefit Kensington Elementary's sister school, where 138 students lost their homes in this year's hurricanes.

To see the cards and find out more visit the Wep page at KensingtonSchool.org/upcoming.html.

— Chris Treadway

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HOLOCAUST SURVIVOR: Lucy Marx, a 100-year-old Holocaust survivor, and her late husband, William, were honored at a special ceremony Dec. 8, when the Jewish Family & Children's Services of the East Bay dedicated its Holocaust Survivor Services office in Albany in their names.

The dedication was held a little more than a month before the first official Holocaust Remembrance Day, recently designated by the United Nations General Assembly as Jan. 27.

Marx was joined at the ceremony by her daughter, Doris, who made a donation earlier this year to support JFCS services for Holocaust survivors and named the office in honor of her parents.

Lucy and William Marx fled Nazi Germany in 1938, after William spent 10 days in the Dachau concentration camp.

Officials said the new office will provide the roughly 250 Holocaust survivors in the East Bay with a place to meet, receive vital social services, and find resources to assist them in living independently and making legal claims for restitution.

"With Holocaust survivors aging and their numbers diminishing, it is more important than ever that they have a place to feel connected," said Rita Clancy, JFCS coordinator for Holocaust Survivor Services.

The center is at 828 San Pablo Ave., Suite 104, in Albany. For details, call 510-558-7800.

— Chris Treadway

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CHAMBER PARTY: The El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce will hold its holiday party and gift giveaway at noon on Tuesday at the Mira Vista Golf and Country Club, 7900 Cutting Blvd. The event will include a champagne reception, followed by lunch and prize giveaways. The chamber also will announce the results of the election for seats on the 2006 board of directors.

The event is open to all chamber members and their guests. Reservations should be made by today. To donate an item for the holiday drawing or for more information, call 510-233-7040.

— Alan Lopez

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ONE-MAN SHOW: Brian Wetzel will perform his autobiographical one-man show "Side by Side — a Journey with Depression" at 7:30 p.m., Friday and Saturday, Jan. 20 and Jan. 21, at the Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave. in Kensington.

The show is about Wetzel's struggle with depression and drug addiction. General admission is $15. There's a suggested donation of $10 for mental health workers and consumers. To reserve a seat, call 510-526-9146.

— Alan Lopez

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THEATER CLASSES: Applications are being accepted for the winter session of Judy Rae Whiting's "Broadway Babies" class, part of Contra Costa Civic Theatre's "Live at CCCT" youth program.

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PET OF THE WEEK

BERKELEY — The following animals may be available for adoption at the Berkeley-East Bay Humane Society.

Dogs: 1-year-old male shepherd mix white and brown; 11-month-old male cattle dog mix speckled; 2-year-old female shepherd mix brindled; 5-month-old female hound mix white with brown and black markings; 1-year-old male Lab mix ivory/yellow; 7-year-old male Pomeranian and dogs rescued from Hurricane Katrina in need of foster homes with the option to adopt.

Cats: 9-month-old male Domestic Long Hair (DLH) brown tabby; 2-year-old female Domestic Short Hair (DSH) Siamese point; 20-week-old female DSH dilute tortoiseshell; 7-year-old male DSH white and tabby; 2-year-old female DSH calico; 5-month-old male Domestic Medium Hair (DMH) brown tabby; 10-year-old male DLH tortoiseshell; 1-year-old male DLH orange and white; 1-year-old male DSH white with black; 9-month-old female DSH white & white; 4-year-old male DSH pale gray with white; cats and kittens of various ages, sizes.



BERKELEY-EAST BAY HUMANE SOCIETY

CALEB is a 1-year-old male ivory/yellow Labrador retriever mix, and may be available for adoption at the Berkeley-East Bay Humane Society. He was rescued from a rural municipal shelter with a broken hind leg. After surgery and rehab in BEBHS' veterinary hospital, Caleb is now ready for a permanent home. He's had some basic training while at BEBHS, and he's ready for more obedience classes. For more information about Caleb or other animals available for adoption, call or visit the Berkeley-East Bay Humane Society.

Adoption fee: dogs $125; cats $75; rabbits $40 — including spaying, neutering and age-appropriate shots. There is an overnight hold period. The Berkeley-East Bay Humane Society is located at 2700 Ninth St., Berkeley. Its hours are 12 p.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Information: www.berkeley-humane.org or call 510-845-7735.

Council guides families during child's early years

By Chris Treadway
STAFF WRITER

The Perinatal Council, founded in 1979 as the Oakland Perinatal Health Project, has seen steady progress in 26 years of working to give at-risk pregnant women and their newborns or newborns-to-be in Alameda and Contra Costa counties a fighting chance.

And as needs have grown, the program has likewise expanded its scope to "serve the entire family system," said Claudette Garner, director of the council's programs for Contra Costa County.

That means providing resources, education and home visits not just for mothers, but for fathers and possibly extended families who might otherwise lack the means and skills to provide for the needs of an infant entering the world.

Program client Yeimi Alba started using the council's services before her son, Samuel Alba, now 15 months old, was born. Today she has a job and is on course to graduate from Berkeley High School in the spring.

The council, which has offices in Oakland, Richmond, Pittsburg and Antioch, is one of many groups helped by reader donations through the Times' annual Share the Spirit campaign, a fund-raiser for local organizations that serve the needy. The Times created the campaign in the late '80s to help low-income families during the holidays. All money raised is distributed to applicant nonprofit organizations.

The council's role starts before a child is born and can continue for years, Garner said, as parents are offered free assistance with parenting skills, overcoming drug and alcohol addiction, job searches and school.

Since its inception, the infant mortality rate has fallen by half in disadvantaged areas of Oakland, despite the rise of HIV/AIDS, which wasn't even on the radar when the council was founded. There has also been a decline in teen pregnancy.

The council is earmarking funds it will receive from the Times' annual Share the Spirit drive for what Garner calls "the neediest of the needy," hoping to provide a holiday for about 400 people who have nowhere else to turn.

"We have so many people, so we try to get at least one thing they ask for," she said. "For so many families this will be their only Christmas."

The wish list for the program's neediest is very basic: Warm socks, hats, gloves, scarves, jackets, grocery certificates and "maybe a few toy items," Garner said.

"People don't realize that a little bit is a lot to people who don't have anything at all," she said. "People need stuff all year round, but they really need something at holiday time. Especially children. The bottom line is our motto: 'Always in the interest of the child.'"

SHARE THE SPIRIT

■ To print more copies of the coupon and for previous Share the Spirit stories, go to **ContraCostaTimes.com**



CHRIS TREADWAY/TIMES

PERINATAL COUNCIL client Yeimi Alba and family advocate Sabreen Zafir read to 15-month-old Samuel Alba in Richmond.

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"... were it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter."

— Thomas Jefferson

EDITORIAL

Marin project not worth all the fuss

WHEN IT COMES to the debate over the narrowing of Marin Avenue, we can't help but ask: What's all the fuss? To hear some explain it, you'd think a paragon of smooth-flowing traffic has been turned into a sea of gridlock. The reality is that the restriping of the road linking Albany and Berkeley has resulted in a safer, saner commute for all, even if it may be a bit longer for some.

Of course, narrowing the road from four lanes to three and adding a bike lane was bound to upset some. Logic tells you that such a move will slow traffic to some degree, although that was partly the purpose of the "traffic-calming" measure. It's more difficult now to make left-hand turns, and residents who live along Marin Avenue may have a tougher time backing out of their driveways. If you're in a hurry to get some place, the new Marin Avenue is certainly not a blessing.

But these seem like relatively minor annoyances along a short stretch of road. Nothing about the commute on Marin Avenue seems to resemble the fate of drivers trying to get on the Bay Bridge or through the Caldecott Tunnel during peak commutes. By all accounts, a major problem along the 'old' Marin Avenue was reckless driving. One reader described it as the first lap of a NASCAR race. While that's surely an exaggeration, it seems clear that speeding was a chronic problem on Marin. If the restriping has served to reduce the scope of that problem, we think it's well worth any inconveniences that have been created.

The flow of traffic along Marin certainly did seem calm last Friday around 5 p.m. While there was some limited congestion near San Pablo Avenue, traffic flowed smoothly in both directions. The trip from San Pablo Avenue to The Alameda and back again was pleasant and swift. Perhaps not as swift as the old days, but swift nonetheless.

The debate about the restriping of Marin seems basically one of perspective. For those who have spent years traveling the road, any slowdown in traffic is likely to seem magnified and burdensome. For those with little previous experience on the road, the complaints are likely to seem trivial when Marin is compared with other busy thoroughfares. To provide some objective analysis, the cities are monitoring traffic patterns and plan to conduct re-evaluations of the project.

We understand why different people have different opinions about this project. But in the end, how long does it really take the average motorist to travel up and down Marin Avenue even during the most congested periods? Is an extra five or 10 minutes really worth the controversy this project has engendered? And can anyone honestly question whether cutting down on speeding along Marin is a good thing for motorists, pedestrians, bicyclists and school children?

The restriping of Marin certainly hasn't been a winning proposition for all involved. But some times minor inconveniences are necessary to advance the common good. This seems to be the case for the communities of Albany and Berkeley.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Development need not be a dirty word

Recently, I have read all about the new Safeway development and heavens no ... "new condos!"

The new trendy dirty word, condo, is a screeching tone to any established homeowner and community group.

This ideology of not creating new units of housing is causing the housing problem in the Bay Area and elevating prices that do not allow first-time buyers to afford even a shack.

The comments from the community such as "not good for the community" and "causing traffic" are really masks for this elitist ideology that says, "I already own a home here, so tough!"

What's good for the community is allowing a true mix of incomes to live in the neighborhood and adding new housing units so a rising demand market can meet our short supply. Ironically, in the Bay Area, where people view themselves as socially progressive, these attitudes are, in fact, exclusionary rather than inclusionary of others in society, and are derived from pure greed.

I live (rent, of course) on Curtis Street, and am in favor of this project. Why can't Safeway re-create its store and bring a new and better design to further define the vibrant dense street that Solano Avenue is?

Why shouldn't Safeway be allowed to create homes above its store so that maybe, just maybe, there might be a home in the $300,000 price level? God forbid that a first-time family could actually purchase a home in Albany without earning $200,000 a year!

Instead of denying new developments, let's help shape the new developments so that they further enhance our neighborhoods for *all people*. Besides, what would happen if Safeway decided to move its store down to some new development in El Cerrito, since its store on Curtis Street became obsolete and a financial drain.

Well, I guess that would ease traffic ... except we would all drive farther to the store.

Frank Su
Albany

Bush's plan

I'm so relieved that our president has announced the plan for Iraq.

It's so simple: He checks things out and decides whether we stay or withdraw. It's all up to him.

Actually, isn't that the way dictators operate?

Geraldine N. Judt
El Cerrito

Albany will survive nicely

If you were at the Albany Waterfront Commission meeting on Dec. 1, you would have heard a tirade against any development on the waterfront within view of the Bay.

There were several statements, which, while not incorrect in themselves, would lead to people misinterpreting the meaning. One of them had to do with Albany's Chamber of Commerce.

A member of the waterfront commission quoted the executive director of the chamber as saying he was against the Caruso development because it would damage Solano Avenue as the central retail street in Albany. Most people would assume he was speaking for the Chamber of Commerce.

In truth, the Chamber of Commerce, which represents the businesses on Solano in Albany, passed a motion that began, "The Albany Chamber of Commerce supports thoughtful commercial-minded development at Golden Gate Fields ... " and concludes with the criteria they hope will be included in the plan.

Although we have lost some retailers that I valued since I came here in 1957, Solano Avenue has survived as the main street in a small town. It has survived the building of El Cerrito Plaza, with the fairly recent opening of Trader Joe's. It has survived the coming of Costco.

It has survived the huge expansion of retail in Emeryville, including Ikea. It has survived Berkeley's Fourth Street. It has even survived the exponential expansion of online buying.

Solano stores have already had to adjust to competition, and Albany has become a city with many destination stores, such as The Five Little Monkeys, Sweet Potatoes outlet, Zari's (our beloved store for Italian groceries) and Cheerful Noyse, which has just opened and will serve music enthusiasts, including the early music group. There are many others, and my apologies for not naming them.

Then there are the many restaurants and coffee shops, which seem perpetually full. There are also many personal services on Solano Avenue. There is no doubt in my mind that, because of its easy proximity to our homes, Solano will always be the central street, binding us together in our small town.

Solano Avenue is not a valid argument to use against the Caruso development. The project is not the bogeyman threatening Albany or the Eastshore State Park. There will be the park and there will be our same Solano Avenue.

Thelma Rubin
Albany

The unkindest cuts

Hurricanes Katrina and Rita exposed what has happened to this country in the last five years.

There is more poverty, fewer people with health insurance and fewer options as the safety net has become frayed.

Unbelievably, President Bush talked action to address this during a photo-op in New Orleans, while his party is using the cost of recovery from these disasters to cut even further into basic services such as food stamps and Medicaid.

We need to stand up for our values and show we are the caring people we claim to be by repudiating these cuts.

The real waste in this country is contained in the Medicare drug benefits bill, the tax cuts to wealthy Americans and the recently passed transportation and energy bills.

Let's stop making the rich richer on the backs of poor people, and support our most vulnerable citizens.

Laura Brainin-Rodrig
El Cer

Not these cuts, please

My late aunt spent most of her w life as a social worker and a teacher, ing at age 72. She lived for another 15 and for the past decade of her life s fered the debilitating effects of Alzhei

Medicaid was her lifeline, permitti to receive competent health care wi bankrupting her none-too-wealthy — she had no children and no spous her nephews and nieces helped care

As any taxpayer with an elderly r should be aware, the expenses resu from a decline in health can be prohib Cuts to Medicaid might have an impac rectly or indirectly, on *your* pocket-

The proposed budget cuts will affec dent loans as well. I returned to colle complete a degree at the age of 36, an assisted considerably by the availabil a student loan. For many non-tradit aged students, a loan is a necessity

I am urging my representative to pose these budget cuts.

A.E. Sim
El Cer

Let's vote on waterfront

At the Dec. 1 Waterfront Commis meeting, Norman La Force, not a resi of Albany, stated that no waterfront velopment plan should be accepted the city of Albany and the develo should be sent packing without even senting their proposal to the city.

Thus, no vote of the people would allowed, and La Force and his frie would have made our decisions for

We all need to see the proposal have it go through the processes of various city reviews and the final vot the residents of Albany.

Scare tactics using inflammatory guage — gambling, casinos, malls, viding a new base of potential gamb threatening to teens and seniors — stop and the facts presented to the vot

Your recent editorial on this issue right to the point. Let us vote!

Nancy Cap
Alb

Glorious tweaking

I suppose Vice President Cheney right when he said the insurgency "on its last legs," because Secretary Defense Rumsfeld no longer wants to that term to describe the enemy.

That's either novel strategy to win war or an especially glorious example Bush administration tweaking.

Brian Nels
El Cer

Who forged documents?

By now, most Americans have le that the evidence purportedly prov Saddam Hussein imported material Africa to help produce nuclear weap was false, a forgery.

It is old news, now reiterated by ne casters in nonchalant tones as th nightly recapitulate the administrati sorry history, as a preface to whatever day's breaking outrage might be.

Missing from this rehash, but not able by its omission, two important q tions remain unasked and unanswe Who forged these documents? And w

Peter Lev
Kensing

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Richmond museum full of beauty, history

"In this centennial year, we have been made more keenly aware of how important our services are to the city as we provided images for photographs and research assistance to those persons charged with creating meaningful centennial events for Richmond's citizens. ..."

— Lois Boyle, President, Richmond Museum of History



JULIE WINKELSTEIN
At the Library

I RECENTLY VISITED the Richmond Museum of History, which is housed in a 1910 Carnegie Library building. This museum provides a wonderful opportunity to visit the past.

The upstairs area is divided into sections that flow into each other. One shows a kitchen, complete with wood-burning stove. Another includes an old fire engine, as well as the bell system for fires. The bell system is an excellent example of something that is utilitarian and yet beautiful in its workmanship, as the museum's manager, Gerald Bastin, commented to me. It is housed under a clear cover, and it looks like the inner workings of a giant music box.

There is also a lovely shiny black restored car, with a sign next to it that says: "This Model T Ford car was the first car off the assembly line at the Richmond Ford Plant in August 1911." According to Bastin, there may be some question about whether this was literally the first car from this plant, but this was certainly one of the first and it is a thing of beauty.

Everywhere there are enlarged black-and-white photographs that give you an idea of what Richmond and surrounding cities used to look like. And the walls are glass cases full of all sorts of memorabilia, like a glass milk bottle with the inscription "Good morning, good health," and a 1949 photograph of a protester carrying a sign that says: "Shoot Jim Crow Out of Lucky."

On the ground floor is the section of the museum that is reserved for current exhibits. There is one recently installed and running through January 2006 called "A Children's Holiday Exhibit: Antique Toys, Dolls, Children's Art from Postwar Richmond."

The collection of toys and artwork is perfectly designed for the young, and that is the intent, according to the guest curator, Clementina Diaz. By using few signs, bright colors, lots of open space and an area of touchable objects, the goal is to give young museum-goers a positive museum experience that will encourage them to become lifelong museum regulars.

I think in this way libraries and museums are similar: They are both committed to providing not only information but also a setting that offers visitors of all ages an ongoing and ever-changing resource.

Certainly, the appeal of this exhibit should have that effect. There is a slide show, a table for creating art, toys to play with, and lots and lots of children's paintings — starting from the late 1940s — displayed on the walls. Many of these are from a children's daycare center run by Monica Haley.

On the wall is an example of a typical day, which began at 6 a.m. and ended 12 hours later. The schedule is packed with activities, although some are less pleasant, like the 9-9:15 slot, which includes "cod liver oil and juice." There are also multiple examples of old children's toys, like a real Red Ryder BB gun, with "Red Ryder" in script on the stock, and "the world's smallest dolls."

The Richmond Museum of History was started in the early 1950s, and has been consistently open since 1982. How fortunate Richmond is to have a separate building like this; there are many local history collections, but many fewer with the room for displays and visitors. It is well worth taking the time to visit and learn more about the fascinating history of this area.

Reach librarian Julie Winkelstein at jwinkelstein@aclibrary.org or at the Albany Library, 510-526-3720, Ext. 17.

LIBRARY ACTIVITIES

Albany Library

1247 Marin Ave.
510-526-3720
aclibrary.org

Hours: Monday, noon to 6 p.m.; Tuesday, noon to 8 p.m.; Wednesday, noon to 8 p.m.; Thursday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Friday, closed; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

■ John Oliver Simon will be the featured poet on Jan. 5 from 7 to 9 p.m. Simon's books of poetry include Roads to Dawn Lake (Oyez, 1968), Rattlesnake Grass (Hanging Loose, 1976), Neither of Us Can Break the Other's Hold (Shameless Hussy, 1982), Lord of the House of Dawn (Bombshelter, 1991), Son Caminos (poems in Spanish, Hôtel Amboisrnundos, Mexico City, 1997) and Caminante (Creative Arts, 2001). Almost 300 of his translations of contemporary Latin American poets have been published in journals and anthologies in the United States. He is a former director of California Poets in the Schools and a contributing editor to Poetry Flash and Temple. The free event will be in the Edith Stone room. Cookies will be served. For more information, call Julie Winkelstein at Ext. 17.

■ Alison Seevak will lead a drop-in poetry-writing workshop on Jan. 11 from 7-9 p.m. Seevak is an Albany poet and teacher who has taught writing to children and adults at schools and community arts centers throughout the Bay Area. For more information, call Julie Winkelstein at Ext. 17.

■ Weekly singalongs are held Wednesdays at 4:30 p.m. by Dale Allen Boland, who has been sharing community music-making with the East Bay for more than 15 years. The singalongs are free and for all ages. No registration is required. For more information, contact Julie Winkelstein at Ext. 17.

■ Drop-in knitting groups for all ages are held Tuesdays at 3:30 p.m. Work on your own project or make pet blankets and children's hats for victims of recent disasters. Instructions, yarn and needles are provided for library projects. No registration is necessary for this free activity. For more information, contact Julie Winkelstein at Ext. 17.

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6510 Stockton Ave.
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Hours: Monday and Tuesday, noon to 8 p.m.; Wednesday, closed; Thursday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Friday, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

■ Crystal Martin of the El Cerrito Sylvan Learning Center will present a special picture book storytime, "Winter Stories," on Saturday at 11 a.m.

Kensington Library

61 Arlington Ave.
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Hours: Monday and Tuesday, noon to 8 p.m.; Wednesday, closed; Thursday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Friday, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

■ Variety performer Daffy Dave will present an evening of music, comedy and juggling on Tuesday, Jan. 24, at 6:30 p.m. Because of the popularity of this show, a limited number of free tickets will be issued. Tickets will be available starting Monday, Jan. 16. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Kensington Library.

■ Family storytimes are held Tuesday evenings at 7 p.m. All ages are welcome.

— Craig Lazzeretti

ALBANY SCHOOL NOTES

Albany High School

PTA INCOME: The monthly PTA Scrip income has been about $900, but during November, it was $1,700 because of holiday shopping. Currently, PTA is spending $20,000 from membership and Scrip income on mini-grants to fund student activities; however, the grant requests are close to $40,000. Plus, many student clubs are working hard to fund-raise for necessary expenses and could use some help.

HEIFER DONATIONS: Bring donations to Room 213 to support Heifer International during this season of sharing. This non-profit buys livestock for people in countries so they can build a sustainable living.

WRITERCOACH: New training sessions are coming after the holidays for the WriterCoach Connection program, which pairs school parents and community volunteers with AHS students during the English classes for one-on-one help with their writing assignments. For more information, contact Bob Menzimer at 510-528-2077.

Albany Middle School

PROGRESS REPORTS: Progress reports for students in danger of receiving a "D" or "F" for the second quarter have been mailed home. Students making satisfactory progress will not receive a progress report.

Cornell Elementary

UNICEF DRIVE: Many Cornell School students chose to collect money for UNICEF in lieu of candy on Halloween. At the Community Time on Dec. 7, the fifth-grade students made a presentation to the school reporting on UNICEF and their success. This year, Cornell first grade raised $383.28, fifth grade raised $441.16, and other classes raised $57.16. The grand total for Cornell School is $881.60. In addition to the funds raised for UNICEF, Cornell School families, friends and relatives contributed more than $451 to UNICEF and the Red Cross to help alleviate the suffering in Pakistan.

SCRIP ORDERS: Revised Great Lakes paper Scrip orders are scheduled for holiday delivery. Orders turned in by the end of today can be picked on Wednesday, Jan. 4. For information, contact Karen at 510-525-1356 (home/eve.), 415-865-7212 (work) or danielmom@sbcglobal.net.

Marin Elementary

CHESS COACHING: Anyone interested in helping with chess coaching at Marin is asked to contact Brian Hill at brian.hill@sbcglobal.net.

CANDY ORDERS: Orders of candy boxes and gift certificates have gone home with students. Thanks to Michelle Sinclair for organizing the sale. If you have questions regarding your order, call Michelle at 510-559-8636. A limited number of extra boxes are available for purchase by adults in the main office.

SCRIP PURCHASES: Buy your groceries from Andronico's, Peets, Berkeley Bowl, Ranch 99, and Natural Foods with Scrip, another way to give a gift to Marin School at no cost to you. Scrip is sold at the table outside the office before school on Friday. Orders may be left in the office, and will be filled within three working days. Meantime, a few good volunteers are needed to help with Scrip sales and organization. Many current volunteers have been running this program for many years, and will be moving on to AMS next year. They are happy to pass on their expertise to new volunteers. Call Helene Class at 510-526-4902.

PTA NEWS: The next PTA meeting is Wednesday, Jan. 19 from 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. The PTA continues to collect Cody's Book Store receipts, Paper Plus receipts, General Mills boxtops, and used printer cartridges in the office.

PICTURE MAKE-UPS: Picture make-up day portraits have been sent home. Class pictures will be sent home in January.

LUNCH MENU: The cafeteria lunch menu is available on the Marin Web site, albany.k12.ca.us/marin/.

Ocean View Elementary

GIFT CERTIFICATES: Ocean View PTA is now offering Solano Avenue Association gift certificates. The $10 certificates can be purchased in the Ocean View office buy placing your order in the paper Scrip box with a check. Your order will be filled in a day or so. Ocean View receives 8 percent from every certificate purchase. The certificates can be used at A.G. Ferrari Foods, Albany Cabinets & Design, Albany Video Service, Andronico's Market, Boran Thai Restaurant, By Hand, Cactus Taqueria, Cugini Pasta & Wood-Fired Pizza, Domino's Pizza, Five Little Monkeys, Gordo Taqueria, Hannah's Children's Resale, Harmonique Home ,High Cotton, Ideas 4 Elements, Too-Shoes, Innate Chiropractic, Khana Peena Indian Cuisine, Lao/Thai Soul Food Kitchen, Papillon Home, Pharmaca Integrative Pharmacy, PriPri Café, Sarber's Cameras, Solano Jewelers, Spa de Esperanza, Sue Johnson — Custom Lamps & Shades, Vara Healing Arts at 850 Talbot Ave., Violet at 1747 Solano Ave., Fine Futons & Gifts at 1412 Solano Ave., and What the Traveler Saw at 1880 Solano Ave. Paper Scrip coordinator is Tracy Lindsey at tracylindsey@yahoo.com.

BAKE SALE: The Fourth Grade Bake Sale to benefit the Point Bonita trip was a big success this year; another thanks goes out to all who created desserts for the occasion.

CLOTHING LABELS: More students are bringing coats and jackets to school — a very good idea. Please make sure your child's clothing is labeled so it doesn't end up in the lost-and-found pile.

MODERNIZATION: The Ocean View campus will be modernized next summer and during the next school year. Preliminary meetings regarding staging and scheduling have already begun, and further discussion is scheduled for this spring.

ENGLISH LEARNERS: In coming weeks, Albany teachers will participate in several half-day in-service sessions to identify and examine best practices with English-language learners.

Education funders

MUSIC FUND: Albany Music Fund will celebrate with a brunch at Downtown Restaurant, 2102 Shattuck Ave. on Jan. 22 at 11:30. It will supply the talent from the award-winning AHS and AMS bands and choirs. Tickets will go on sale after winter break.

DONATIONS: With the end of the tax year looming, this is a good time to make your tax-deductible donation to your child's school and/or the foundation of your choice. Remember that your employer may have a matching gifts program that could double or even triple your donation. For Albany Education Foundation information, call 510-524-7797. For answers to questions about SchoolCARE, call 510-524-3786.

— Bob Menzimer

CERRITO SCHOOL NOTES

Cerrito High School

MYROAD: Students can access MyRoad by going to Collegeboard.com, click on K12, and click the link to "MyRoad" and then click "Set up your MyRoad account." Students will need their access code, located on the upper right-hand corner of their report card, to create their account. The account remains active until they graduate from high school. MyRoad is designed to make the process of choosing a major, college, or career easier and easier.

SCIENCE EXPEDITION: Ecology Project International (EPI) is seeking El Cerrito High School students to participate in a summer science expedition in Costa Rica, where they will help and monitor a number of species, including endangered Pacific black sea turtles, in collaboration with biologists and local Costa Rican communities. The 12-day trip includes more than 50 hours of homework and instruction, with 20 hours of field research. Students will also visit an old-growth rainforest reserve located between Tortuguero and the Braulio Carillo National Park, where they will help to reforest migratory corridors for tropical wildlife and spend time exploring the nearby rainforest. The course culminates with a rafting adventure on the Pacuare River, where students will learn about the watershed and impacts to the sea turtles that nest adjacent to the river mouth while enjoying rapids, waterfalls and wildlife. The expedition will take place June 24 to July 5, 2006. For more information, check out EPI's Web site at ecologyproject.org or e-mail: LKPrice@lbl.gov

GRAD NIGHT: Grad night will be held at the Turf Club at Golden Gate Fields on Saturday, June 10, from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. Support is needed for this event in the form of cash, merchandise or gift certificates. Your contributions will directly help underwrite the evening's activities, or will be used as prizes at the event or for the fund-raising drawing. All donations are tax deductible, as allowable by law, and a receipt will be furnished. For information on how to contribute, contact Nancy Toombs at elizt54@pacbell.net or Patty Carrousel at LPCarrousel@aol.com.

Harding Elementary

PTA MEETING: The next PTA meeting will beheld Monday, Jan. 9 at 7 p.m. at the Harding Library. Child care will be provided.

KINDERGARTEN TOUR: A kindergarten tour will be held Wednesday, Jan. 11, at 9 a.m. in the school library. It will include a presentation by parents and principal and classroom tours. Complimentary coffee and pastries are provided by Starbucks and Semifreddie's Bakery. Please RSVP to the school office, 510-231-1413.

AFTER SCHOOL CLASSES: After-school classes begin Jan. 23. Registration packets will be mailed home soon. Winter Courses: Art: Drawing (grades 1-6), Creative Book Making (grades K-6), Creative Writing (grades 4-6), Creativity and Art (grades K-3), Spanish (grades K-6), Yoga for kids (grades K-6).

FAMILY FUN: Family Fun and Math will be held Thursday, Jan. 26, from 6-8 p.m. in the Harding Multipurpose room. This event gives students and their families an opportunity to explore math concepts in everyday life and win prizes. If you would like to volunteer that night, call Denise Evans at 510-525-1495 or e-mail her at: ddnev@earthtlink.net

LIBRARY PROJECT: The Harding Library committee's "library automation project" is under way. Over the next two months, all materials in the new library will be barcoded and entered into a database. Parent volunteers are needed to help with data entry for 1-3 hours per week. You will use the computer system in the library to do this work. If you can help, contact Emi Ito at itogogo@comcast.net.

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New book features little-told story of 1906 earthqua

■ After the earthquake, Berkeley responded to thousands of victims who fled to the East Bay

By Martin Snapp
STAFF WRITER

Most people know about the great earthquake and fire that devastated San Francisco on April 18, 1906. But until now, nobody has told the story of what happened to 15,000 victims of the disaster who fled across the Bay to Berkeley, a town with only 26,000 residents at the time.

"It's a story of incredible generosity," said Richard Schwartz, author of the new book, "Earthquake Exodus 1906: Berkeley Responds to the San Francisco Refugees."

Within hours of the quake, residents held a town meeting and formed the Berkeley Relief Committee, which coordinated a mammoth relief effort over the next 10 weeks. "They didn't wait for the government, they didn't wait for money, they didn't wait for directions," said Schwartz.

"One guy started taking up donations of cash. Another got donations of bedding. A third found families willing to house refugees. A fourth collected clothing, because many people arrived with only the nightgowns they were wearing when the earthquake struck."

The book contains more than 200 photographs, many of which have never been seen by the public before. Some show female refugees dressed in men's clothing.

"The reason was that much more men's clothing was donated than women's," says Schwartz, "and they didn't have enough women's clothing to go around."

Even more compelling than the photos are the hundreds of stories of ordinary people doing extraordinary things.

Such as the woman who sent hundreds of loaves of bread from Oregon to feed the refugees. Each one contained a note inserted in an imperceptible slit in the bread, written in ink on fine stationery, with impeccable penmanship: "I pray you will do all you can to find May and Alphonse Saubiron of 323 Jessie St., San Francisco. He was a florist for Frank & Parodi Co., 109 Geary St., is dark, age 27, and French. Has 3 gold teeth in front of mouth. May is fair, age 25. Please telegram at once if you find them. I will pay for same. From an anxious sister. Mrs. Harry Jullan Lents, Mult Co., Oregon. God help you all."

One immediate effect of the disaster was a sharp rise in marriages in Berkeley within weeks of the earthquake.

"Considering all the flirtation and lovemaking that the open air life in the parks and on the curbstones gave rise to," commented the October 1906 Sunset Magazine, "it is really a wonder that there were not even more of these celebrated earthquake weddings, of which we have heard so much."

Among the many colorful characters in the book is Police Marshall August Vollmer, the man who founded the Berkeley Police Department. He'd been on the job exactly a year and a week when the quake struck.

He immediately issued a call for volunteers to deal with the large number of "questionable characters" arriving in Berkeley. More than a thousand citizens answered the call, patrolling the relief camps to protect innocent refugees from pickpockets and thieves.

"One person caught stealing relief supplies was Honora Bently of 2429 Ninth St., a wealthy Berkeley woman in her 60s with property and cash assets valued at more than $60,000, which was a *lot* of money in those days," said Schwartz. "Vollmer spotted her at the YMCA posing as a refugee under the alias Mary Smith and taking food and clothing intended for the refugees. He arrested her himself. The story made front-page headlines."

The problem of stealing relief supplies got so bad, Vollmer finally had his deputies bring several of the thieves into his office. Pretending to be angrier than he actually was, he sternly told them, "There's a word for what you did — 'looting.' And for that, there's only one penalty."

He turned his head so they couldn't see him and winked at one of his deputies. Then he whipped his head back around and shouted, "Death!"

Then he told the deputies to release them. Word of his threat quickly spread around town, and the pilfering subsided.

Other memorable characters include the members of a religious sect who were sure the earthquake signified the end of the world. So they donned white robes, went into the hills, and chanted and sang while they waited for Armageddon.

"They were sure they were going to be the only ones saved," said Schwartz.

"After three days, they came down and sheepishly admitted they were wrong."

A long chapter is devoted to the ROTC cadets from UC Berkeley, who played a key role in keeping order in San Francisco.

"The ROTC had fallen out of favor in recent years as a reaction to the Spanish-American War, our first imperialist adventure," said Schwartz. "But after the earthquake, everyone treated them like heroes."

The book also deals with the large number of refugees who flocked to Albany and contributed to the growth of that city.

Schwartz is not a professional historian. His day job is building contractor. But he's always been fascinated by history — especially social history, the history of everyday life.

Five years ago, he happened to walk into the Berkeley Historical Society on the day it was about to throw away a half-foot stack of 100-year-old Berkeley Gazette newspapers.

"I said, 'I'll take them,' and took them home without really knowing what I was going to do with them," he said. "I made the mistake of reading an article, and then another one, and the next thing I knew it was three days later. I felt like that guy in 'Close Encounters of the Third Kind' who was unconsciously driven, building this mound of newspaper articles."

The result was a "Berkeley 1900: Daily Turn of the Century," 2000 to raves from general readers alike.

Schwartz believes was transformed by quake as much as San albeit in a subtler way.

"Many people back," he said. "After Berkeley was no long town. Before the quake ple only had one-way you could call the gro couldn't call you. After people recognized the of communication, and phone system got rewo way. It ushered in th world."

One person who nized Berkeley's unusu the quake is San Franc Gavin Newsom.

A few months ago called Newsom's office "No mayor has ever b citizens of Berkeley ha lives of 15,000 re refugees through great generosity."

"How do you kn asked.

"Well, Mayor Eugen the mayor before and quake, was under indi corruption, and he was defending himself and time to thank the citizens ley," said Schwartz. "Jo life just moved on."

Result: a proclamation "Whereas on behalf o and County of San Fran pleased to recognize the selfless contributions izens of Berkeley on the of the 100th anniversa Great Earthquake of 19 lief and assistance the community gave to San cans after the earthqua valuable in the recons our city. Thank you."

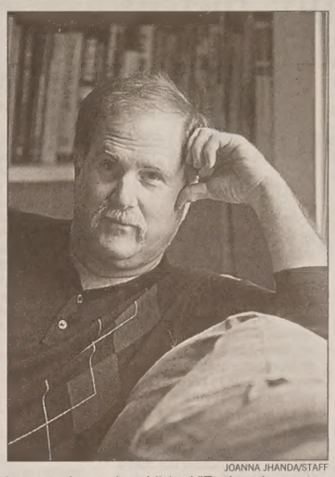
"That wording is wo cant," said Schwartz. "It was the citizens of Berk not the government, w performed this miracle."

Reach Martin Snapp at 510-262-2768 or e-mail msnapp@cctimes.com.

NONFICTION

- **TITLE:** Earthquake Exodus, 1906: Berkeley Responds to the San Francisco Refugees.
- **AUTHOR:** Richard Schwartz
- **PUBLISHER:** RSB Books
- **PAGES:** 148
- **PRICE:** $24.95
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BERKELEY RESIDENT RICHARD SCHWARTZ, right, wrote the newly published "Earthquake Exodus 1906: Berkeley Responds to the San Francisco Refugees." At left is one of more than 200 historical photos included in the book, many of which have never been seen by the public.

Board games can offer time with grandparents

Q: MY CHILDREN would like to interact with their grandparents more. What sort of activities do you suggest for bridging the generation gap?

A: You didn't mention the ages of your children; therefore the possibilities are wide open. Much will depend upon the mental condition of the grandparents as well as their physical capabilities.

A reasonable guess would be that your children are somewhere in their teens, or close. Very young children are unlikely to express a desire to "interact" with their grandparents. The kinds of activities in which your children are most interested will be the obvious ones to try to initiate this interaction.



CONNIE LYNCH
Don't Lose Your Mind

Are the grandparents aware of the interest being shown by their grandchildren? If not, perhaps one way to start such a relationship is to have a meeting. So much depends upon how much current interaction there is among all the individuals concerned.

One possibility could involve a favorite game of your children, such as a board game. The oldies I remember are Monopoly and Parcheesi. By now, there may well be many more. Sitting around a table is easy for everyone. Grandparents are put in no discomfort, and if all players know the game, it can proceed in a familiar fashion. If grandparents must learn it, all the activities can proceed slowly while they learn.

Grandparents who are in top physical condition can participate in certain sports or other types of physical activities. Of course, there are the walks that I always advocate, and during which they could become better acquainted by exchanging noted details about the area in which they are walking.

If the youngsters really want to do something more vigorous, the grandparents might well be able to handle some basketball shooting or modified hitting of softballs. An organized game would probably be a bit much, but just practicing individual parts would not involve too much running or other movement.

A trip to the zoo is usually a big hit with any age group.

Grandparents would likely be responsible for transportation, and such a visit could take several hours. Children and grandparents would exchange information about the sights they see. The names of all the animals would be provided, and everyone could add bits of information that they know. Of course, this is another learning opportunity as well as a chance for interactive communication that allows them all to get to know each other better. Becoming well-acquainted is the basis for comfortable and confident relationships.

In addition to these activities, there could be an even more challenging possibility. When all those involved become better acquainted, perhaps they could discuss some other activity with which none of them is familiar, and yet in which they all are interested. Figuring out a... implement such a pro... would be a project of... teraction for all concer...

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Coming Up

Literary events

Rhythm and Muse — 7 p.m. at Berkeley Art Center, 1275 Walnut St. Poetry and two mics available. Free; donations appreciated. Upcoming: Dec. 17 Young Performer's Night with Ms. Stoner, Afi Adjene Nkhume, Hannah Golriz, Julia Smith, Maggie Gallagher. **Jan. 28**: Edwin Drummond. **Feb. 25**: Tres Santos, with Rasaveli, Mark G., and Muteado. **March 25**: Felice York. Details: 510-684-6693 or 510-527-9753.

Book Launch — **Dec. 17**, 3-5 p.m. at Dharma Publishing Bookstore, 1009 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley. Two books by Tarthan Tulku: "Tibetan Meditation" and "The Joy of Being." Figures by Elizabeth Cook, Arnaud Desjardins. Refreshments served. Details: Vanessa 800-873-4276.

Poets' Dinner Contest — Deadline **Jan. 31**. Themes: Tomorrow, Beginnings and Endings, Humor, Nature, Love, Spaces and Places, Poet's Choice. Maximum 40 lines, in English, maximum entries one poem per category. Type lines on 8-1/2x11' paper, one side only, showing category in upper right-hand corner of each page. Mail three copies without author's name to Joe Rosenthal, 327 Gull Point Court, Benicia, CA 94510. To claim prizes, authors must be present at April 8 awards ceremony at Spenger's, 1919 Fourth St., Berkeley. Lunch $24-$25, mail check payable to Poets' Dinner to Richard Angilly, 1515 Poplar Ave., Richmond, CA 94805.

Music

Evening Gallery concerts — 8 p.m. at 1111 Claremont Ave., Berkeley. Info: $12-$15. **Dec. 16**, Michael Jerome, violin and John Burke, piano play Brahms, Rorem, Bartok, Brahms. Details: 510-848-1228 or www.gallery.com.

Berkeley Ballet Theatre's "Nutcracker" — **Dec. 16-17**, 8 p.m.; **Dec. 17**, 2 p.m.; **Dec. 18**, 3 p.m.; UC Berkeley's Zellerbach Hall. Tickets: $20-$70; call 510-642-9988.

Musical Benefit for Himalayan Earthquake Survivors — **Dec. 16**, 7:30 p.m., Unitarian Universalist Church of Berkeley, One Lawson Road, Kensington. North Indian Classical music with Steve Oda (sarode), Jeff Lewis, M.D. (tabla), Pushba Kumbura,} Refreshments. Proceeds to UUSC-UUA South Asia Earthquake Relief Fund and Development Agencyous Resources.

Berkeley Community Chorus and Orchestra — **Dec. 18**, 4:30 p.m., St. John the Worker Church, 1640 Addison St., Berkeley. Features works by Bach, Jerry Mueller, Ernst Bacon, Richard Strauss, Johann Wilhelm Wagenseil, Dvorak. Free, donations welcome. Details: bcco.org.

Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols — **Dec. 18**, 4:30 p.m., St. John's Episcopal Church, 2300 Bancroft Way, Berkeley. Music for the holiday season with St. Mark's Choir Association. Donation. Details:



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"WALKIN' TALKIN' BILL HAWKINS ... In Search of My Father" will show at 7 p.m. Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays through Jan. 28 at The Marsh, 2118 Allston Way, Berkeley. The one-man show recalls W. Allen Taylor's search for his absent father, Bill Hawkins, the first black disc jockey in Cleveland, Ohio. Tickets are $15 to $22 sliding scale and pay-what-you-can on Thursdays. For tickets or more information, call Brown Paper Tickets at 800-838-3006 or visit themarsh.org.

510-845-0888.

■ **Magnificat! A Gift of the Heart** — Christmas concert, **Dec. 18-19**, 7:30 p.m., First Presbyterian Church of Berkeley, 2407 Dana St., Berkeley. Features First Presbyterian Church of Berkeley Chancel Choir and Pro Sonus Chamber Symphony. Free; donations appreciated. All invited to bring non-perishable food items for donation to Berkeley Soup Pantry. Details: Jennifer 510-848-6252 x240.

■ **Pat Ryan's Celtic Junket** — **Dec. 24**, 1-3 p.m., Telegraph Avenue Holiday Street Fair, between Dwight and Bancroft Ways, Berkeley. Holiday flair and Celtic music by Pat's trio featuring harmonica virtuoso Winslow Yerxa, Scottish fiddler Lorna Woelfel, Pat Ryan on fretless bass. Details: 510-486-2366.

■ **New Year's Celebration** — In Memory of Edgar Braun, **Dec. 31**, 8 p.m., First Congregational Church, 2345 Channing Way, Berkeley. San Francisco Chamber Orchestra, Jacques Thibaud String Trio perform Mozart, Beethoven, Danzi, Francaix, Golijov. Free. Details: 415-248-1640 or sfchamberorchestra.org.

■ **Healing Muses concert series** — **Jan. 7**, 8 p.m., **Jan. 8**, 4 p.m.; St. Alban's Episcopal Church, 1501 Washington St., Albany. "A Musical Tapestry," Renaissance and traditional songs and dance to warm the winter nights. Proceeds benefit its program of bringing healing music to Bay Area hospitals, clinics and convalescent homes. Tickets: $15-$18. Details: 510-524-5661 or healingmuses.org.

■ **Julia Fischer** — Violin recital, **Jan. 8**, 3 p.m., UC Berkeley's Hertz Hall. Tickets: $26-$48; call 510-642-9988.

■ **New Century Chamber Orchestra** — **Jan. 12**, 8 p.m., St. John's Presbyterian Church, 2727 College Ave., Berkeley. Program includes world premiere concerto for cello by Gang Situ, Mozart, Dvorak. Tickets: $28-$42; call 415-392-4400 or go to cityboxoffice.com. Details: 415-357-1111.

■ **Organ music at St. Johns** — **Jan. 15**, 4 p.m., St. Johns Presbyterian Church, 2727 College Ave., Berkeley. Marian Metson, organist First Lutheran Church Yuba City, performs organ recital of American Music from 18th - 21st centuries. Donation requested: $15 general, $5 students with ID at door. Reception with artists follows performance. Details: 510-845-6830.

■ **Bill T. Jones/Arnie Zane Dance Company** — with violinist/composer Daniel Bernard Roumain, **Jan. 20-21**, 8 p.m., UC Berkeley's Zellerbach Hall. Tickets: $26-$48; call 510-642-9988.

■ **Brad Mehldau Trio and Bill Frisell Quintet** — **Jan. 22**, 7 p.m., UC Berkeley's Zellerbach Hall. Pianist Mehldau and his trio, guitarist Frisell and his quintet perform jazz. Tickets: $20-$40; call 510-642-9988.

■ **An Evening with the Young Mozart** — **Jan. 27**, 7 p.m., St. Albans Episcopal Church Parish Hall, 1501 Washington Ave., Albany. Music-Sources presents Mozart's 'Bastien und Bastienne' featuring soprano Rita Lilly, bass Paul Murray, and tenor Jonathan Smucker and a recently discovered symphony composed when Mozart was 9 years old. Refreshments, beverages, re-creation of Dr. Anton Mesmer's Pleasure Garden. A benefit for MusicSources, celebrating 250 years since Mozart's birth. Cost: $75. Reservations: 510-528-1685.

■ **Composer Portrait: Magnus Lindberg** — International Contemporary Ensemble, **Jan. 29**, 3 p.m., UC Berkeley's Hertz Hall. Tickets: $32; call 510-642-9988.

Religion

■ **Kol Hadash** — **Dec. 16**, 7 p.m., Albany Community Center, 1249 Marin Ave., Albany. Celebrate Humanistic Shabbat and Chanukah. Pot luck dinner, Shabbat service, and Chanukah Party. Service and music led by Bon Singer. E-mail info@kolhadash.org for food assignment.

■ **Community Menorah Lighting** — **Dec. 26**, 4:30 p.m., Cody's Book Store, 1730 4th St., Berkeley. Live music, Chanukah sing-along, free dreidels, Chanukah gelt, Menorahs, Buki the Clown making balloons for all. Details: Chabad of the East Bay 510-540-5824 or ChabadBerkeley.com.

■ **Bringing Compassion into the Fire**: — Havdallah Service and Talk on Tirzah Agassi, **Jan. 14**, 7 p.m. Features Cantor Richard Kaplan. Cost: $10-$15. — A Compassionate Listening Workshop for the Jewish Community, **Jan. 15**, 10:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. One-day training using controversial topics to practice Compassionate Listening among Jews, our partners and families. Cost: $50-$75. — Berkeley Richmond Jewish Community Center, 1414 Walnut St., Berkeley. Register at compassionatelistening.org. Details: 415-289-7079 or brjcc.org.

■ **Jewish Literature, Identity and Imagination**: — "Between Two Worlds: Stories of Estrangement and Homecoming," **Jan. 14**, 2 p.m., Kensington Library, 61 Arlington Avenue, Kensington. Reading and discussion series with Naomi Seidman, Director of the Richard S. Dinner Center for Jewish Studies at the G.T.U. Upcoming: **Feb. 11**, Mar. 11, April 8 and May 6. Free. Pre-registration recommended: Liz 510-524-3043.

Community

■ **Adopt-a Family** — YMCA of East Bay matches families with donors who purchase **Christmas** gifts, wrap them and drop them off at a drop off site. Families would then pick them up and take them home for Christmas. Details on adopting a family: Mildred 510-262-6551.

■ **Milo Pet Adoption Store** — Will put out a barrel for donations for sanctuary animals and animals in poorer municipal shelters. Collars, leashes, cat and dog toys, beds, biscuits, treats, good quality food may be dropped off at 1575 Solano Ave., Berkeley. Details: solanoave.org.

■ **Solano Sock Trees, toys** — Purchase a new pair of socks for kids or adults, stuff them with small toiletries or toys if you like, tie them with provided red ribbons onto one of Solano Sock Trees located in these banks along Solano Avenue in Berkeley and Albany: Bank of America, 1516 Solano; California Bank and Trust, 1451 Solano; Citibank, 1477 Solano; Mechanics Bank, 1801 Solano or 801 San Pablo; Wells Fargo Bank, 1800 Solano. Several Solano Avenue merchants will give discounts on socks if you tell them they are for Sock Trees. Solano Avenue Association will distribute socks to local shelters in time for holidays. Drop off an unwrapped toy for a child or teen in toy barrels located at Bright Star School, 720 Jackson St.; Five Little Monkeys, 1230 Solano; Harmonique Home, 1820 Solano; Marvin Gardens Real Estate, 1579 Solano; The Mechanics Banks, 1801 Solano or 801 San Pablo; and Wells Fargo Bank, 1800 Solano.

■ **"Wreaths of Peace and Hope"** — Holiday celebrations, North Shattuck Association. **Dec. 16**, 6-8:30 p.m., Starbucks Coffee, 2224 Shattuck Ave. Community Christmas Party. Music, Christmas sing-along, appearance by Santa. — **Dec. 17-18**, 1-4 p.m., Shattuck Avenue and Vine Street. Redwood Heights Pony Club kids offer a free gift-wrapping service. Donations appreciated. — **Dec. 29**, Black Oak Books, 1491 Shattuck Ave. Hanukah celebration, storytelling by local writer Joel Ben Izzy. — **Gift and donation drives** — Waddle and Swaddle, 1677 Shattuck Ave. Choose a card with a "gift wish" for an infant in foster care for A Better Way Foundation. Or make a cash donation at North Shattuck Association's "Giving Tree" at Thursday Farmers Market; also accepting donations for Dorothy Day House and Ala Costa Center. Donate over $10, receive a Peet's gift card. — Free street entertainment on Thursday evenings and Saturdays. Details: northshattuck.org.

■ **Telegraph Ave Holiday Street Fair** — **Dec. 17, 18, 23, 24**; 11 a.m.-6 p.m., Telegraph Avenue between Dwight and Bancroft Way, Berkeley. Over 200 street artists, merchants, community groups will fill blocks as Avenue is closed to traffic. Decorations, lights, crafts (jewelry, beadwork, wirework, hats, candles, leather work, silk-screened and tie-dyed clothing, pottery, wood crafts, metal crafts, paintings, henna-art, gift boxes, photography and sculptures), music, food.

■ **Hopalong Animal Rescue** — **Dec. 17**; 12-3 p.m., Your Basic Bird, 2940 College Ave., Berkeley. Cats available for adoption. Details: 510-267-1915 or hopalong.org.

■ **Harmonique Home** — **Dec. 17**, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., 1820 Solano Ave., Berkeley. Santa's younger brother Skinny Santa comes to meet and talk to kids. Bring kids to give Santa their wish list. Harmonique Home will donate 25 percent of profits from holiday decor items to A Safe Place, Oakland's only shelter for battered women and their children. Details: solanoave.org.

■ **Berkeley Potters Guild** — "Playing with Fire" Holiday Show and Sale, **Dec. 17-18, 19-24**, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; 731 Jones St., Berkeley. Twenty ceramic artists transform their studios into showcase gift gallery. Details: 510-524-7031 or berkeleypotters.com.

■ **Open Studio** — **Dec. 17-18**; 11 a.m.-6 p.m., 2547 Eighth St., #24A. Susan Brooks' handwrought jewelry and works on paper. Details: 510-845-2612 or susanbrooks.com.

■ **Berkeley Artisans Holiday Open Studios** — **Dec. 17-18**; 11 a.m.-6 p.m. various Berkeley locations. Free self-guided tour of artisan workshops. Free map available listing all participants at berkeleyartisans.com. Details: berkeleyartisans@yahoo.com or 510-845-2612.

■ **Ecology Center's Berkeley Farmer's Markets** — Tuesday's Market 2-7 p.m. at Derby Street and Martin Luther King, Jr. Way. — North Shattuck farmers market 3-7 p.m. Thursdays at Shattuck Avenue and Rose Street. All organically grown produce featured. — Saturday's market 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at Civic Center Park, Center Street and Martin Luther King Jr. Way. All are open year 'round, rain or shine. Details: 510-548-3333 or ecologycenter.org. Upcoming: **Dec. 17**; 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Holiday Crafts Fair. Local craftspeople selling a wonderful variety of handcrafted gifts, live music all day, massages.

■ **Calendar sale/fund-raiser** — For Berkeley High School Communication Arts and Sciences video program, through **Dec. 18**. Large assortment of 2006 wall, desk, engagement calendars for sale for $5. **Dec. 17-18**; 12-2 p.m., 2310 Valley St., Berkeley. Details: 510-843-2780.

■ **Break the Silence Mural Project** — **Dec. 18**, 6-9 p.m., Berkeley Arts Center, 1275 Walnut St., Berkeley. Susan Greene, Sarah Kershnar give a multimedia presentation about group of California artists who traveled to Palestine to paint murals. Details: Sally 510-525-9552.

■ **Tibetan Nyingma Institute** — Free events at 6 p.m., 1815 Highland Place, Berkeley. **Dec. 18**: Abbe Blum on "Buddhist Tales for All Ages." Details: 510-843-6812.

■ **North Berkeley Senior Center** — Free events at 1901 Hearst Ave., Berkeley. **Dec. 19**, 10 a.m., Shawn Ell, Ph.D., discusses cognitive effects of deep brain stimulation in Parkinson's disease. — **Dec. 19**, 11:30 a.m., Linda Zamfino, Social Security Administration, discusses Medicare Part D "prescription drug plans. — **Dec. 20**, 1:15 p.m., Holiday Party features Guy Gash and Sharp Five Jazz Band. — **Dec. 21**, 1:15 p.m., Polynesian dancers present a program. — **Dec. 27**, 10:30 a.m., Tina Scott discusses preventing falls and injuries. — **Dec. 30**, 1:15 p.m., New Year's Eve Party has Bernard "Dr. B" Anderson, Old School Band playing classic RandB from 1950s-1960s. Refreshments, twist contest. Details: 510-981-5190.

■ **Winter Solstice Gathering** — **Dec. 21**, 4 - 5 p.m., Interim Solar Calendar, Cesar Chavez Park. Bring your thoughts and questions about meaning of celestial event, enjoy sunset, be reminded of virtues of Cesar Chavez. Gathering led by Rabbi David Cooper, Kahilla Community Synagogue. Dress warmly. Details: solarcalendar.org.

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■ **Holiday Events at Lawrence Hall of Science** — **Dec. 26**, 12 p.m. and 1:30 p.m., Flames, Flares, and Explosions. Science of fire, how people first learned to create fire, fire prevention and safety are presented in dramatic style. — **Dec. 27**, 12 p.m. and 1:30 p.m., Bluegrass Music with Joe Craven and Rob Ickes. Tap your foot to this performance of bluegrass, jazz, funk, and original compositions. — **Dec. 28**, 12 p.m. and 1:30 p.m., Dana Smith and his performing dog Lacy. Duo's combination of juggling, balancing, and impressive dog tricks have children and their parents howling with appreciation. — **Dec. 29**, 12 p.m. and 1:30 p.m., Music of the Caribbean with Asheba. Sing along to calypso, reggae and other music and stories from Caribbean. — **Dec. 30**, 12 p.m. and 1:30 p.m., Magician Jay Alexander. High energy comedy magic show. — **Dec. 31**, 12-2 p.m., LHS Annual New Year's Eve Day Party. Ring in new year with fun hands-on activities about celebrations worldwide. — **Jan. 14**, 11 a.m., Fossil Detectives hands-on workshop with Dennis Schatz. For ages 6+. Reservation fee: $5. — 100 Centennial Drive, Berkeley. Admission: $5.50-$7.50. Details: 510-642-5132 or lawrencehallofscience.org.

■ **Class of 1975 reunion** — For Berkeley High School, **Dec. 31**, 7 p.m.-1 a.m., Doubletree-Berkeley Marina, 200 Marina Blvd. Dinner at 8 p.m., dancing, drinks, more. Full-service, no host bar. Free champagne at midnight. To stay at Doubletree hotel, call 510-548-7920 and tell them you are with BHS reunion; they will offer you a discounted rate. Confirm your attendance at classmates.com or e-mail Marcia Edelstien Cunha at mlc22@sbcglobal.net or Amanda Fahle Ellis at amanda757@aol.com. Please send us e-mail addresses of any alumni who may not be members of classmates.com.

■ **Sarber's S'Cool Donation Program** — Through **Jan. 15**, Sarber's Cameras, 1749 Solano Ave., Berkeley. Store will donate one percent from every sale to local schools. Customers specify which school they want their donation to go to, Sarber's will compile all donations and and send a check on behalf of their customers to each school. Details: 510-339-4140.

Children/teens

■ **Berkeley Rhino Rugby** — Recruiting boys ages 14-18 for **winter/spring** season. Tuesdays and Thursdays, 5:30 -7 p.m., practices starting **now** at San Pablo Park, Berkeley. No experience required. Rugby is a fast paced game involving running, kicking and tackling. Details: 510-466-5113.

■ **Los Amiguitos de la Pena** —Children's programs at 10:30 a.m., La Pena Cultural Center, 3105 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley: **Dec. 17**, Bonnie Lockhart. Tickets: $3-$4. Details: lapena.org.

■ **Gingerbread House Party** — **Dec. 21**, 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Habitot Children's Museum, 2065 Kittredge St., Berkeley. Children can decorate a giant gingerbread house with assorted candies, cookies and sprinkles. Habitot donates completed house to a local family shelter for children to enjoy. Participants bring a bag of candy to share. For a list of candies that work well with gingerbread house-making, call Nicole 510-647-1111 x14. Free. Details: 510-647-1111 or habitot.org.

■ **Albany Berkeley Girls Softball League** — Registration for Spring Season 2006 open to girls in grades 1-9. Game season runs **March 4-June 3**. To register, e-mail registrar@abgsl.org or call 510-869-4277. Early Bird registration ends **Dec. 31**; registration closes **Feb. 1**. Scholarships available. Details: abgsl.org.

■ **East Bay Panthers** — Girls' basketball club is accepting registrations for its Spring 2006 season. Early registrants are eligible to attend free skills clinics. Girls who will be 10-14 years old on **Jan. 1** are eligible to participate on one of club's AAU-affiliated teams. Details/forms: eastbaypanthers.org or 415-298-7851.

■ **Luna Kids Open House and Dance Classes** — **Jan. 7**, 9:30-10:30 a.m., Grace North Church, 2138 Cedar St., Berkeley. **Jan. 7**, 11 a.m.-12 p.m., Mills College, Haas Pavilion, 5000 MacArthur Blvd., Oakland. Dance, play, improvisation, refreshments, fun. Meet faculty, learn more. Free. Winter session begins **Jan. 10**. Details: lunakidsdance.com or 510-644-3629.

■ **Crowden School Open House** — Information night, **Jan. 11**, 7-8:30 p.m., 1475 Rose St., Berkeley. Middle school, grades 4-8, combines challenging curriculum with chamber music program for students of strings, piano, composition. Future date: **Feb. 1**. Details: 510-559-6910 or crowden.org.

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People

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Designed for ages 7-15, this class will teach young people how to perform in "A Night in Bombay," an original musical based on the song and dance craze known as Bollywood.

Classes will meet on Tuesdays from 4 to 6:30 p.m. and on Saturdays from noon until 3 p.m., Jan. 17 through March 16. Performances of the musical will be March 17-19. Tuition is $385. For information, call 510-524-9132 or download an application at www.ccct.org. CCCT is located at 951 Pomona Ave. (at Moeser Lane) in El Cerrito.

— Craig Lazzeretti

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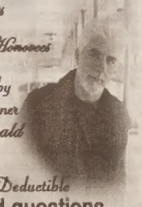
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Trees

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"It's just a question of the architecture informing the landscaping design and vice versa," he said.

In October, the council gave initial approval to spend about $2.9 million on a number of improvements to Memorial, Ocean View and Terrace parks. They include an overhaul of the ball fields and construction of new practice softball fields at Memorial and Ocean View parks, and a number of additional aesthetic and infrastructure-related improvements.

In response to public comment, the council also approved public gardens at Ocean View Park, a dedication of 2 percent of the renovation budget to public art, and a possible community room at Terrace Park.

That was before a number of Terrace Park neighbors came out to oppose the community room. The parks commission last week recommended that the council drop the idea because of parking and safety concerns, recreation director Chinn said.

As for the Ocean View trees, the city wants to increase the sunlight that picnic tables and barbecue pits receive in the grove as well as provide more space for a planned children's play area.

The trees removed will be the smallest of the bunch — between 12 to 32 inches in diameter for the pine trees and 10 and 18 inches for the Redwoods.

Resident Nan Wishner said she would have preferred to see fewer trees removed but believed it was a fair compromise. City Councilwoman Jewel Okawachi felt similarly.

"I believe (the trees) should be thinned out somewhat but to certainly not take out as many trees as they were thinking about doing," Okawachi said. "It's good that (the number of trees) was cut down by half."

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MARK DUFRENE/STAFF

TREES are marked for removal at Ocean View Park in Albany. The city plans to remove 11 Monterey pine and 13 redwood trees to increase the sunlight that picnic tables and barbecue pits receive, as well as provide more space for a planned children's play area.

Campus

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However, Blanchard and school board Vice President Miriam Walden, who was also selected for her post that night, emphasized that the board had not planned to decide the fate of either tenant until January.

Still, several residents lobbied in favor of Bright Star and owner Swarna Matz. Matz told the board she has offered to pay for a facilitator to work out the tenants' issues.

"I've been told that the Chinese School is more important than us," Matz said. "I've been told that I've said MacGregor students are criminals. I want to say that's not the case."

MacGregor Principal Barry Shapiro, Albany Mayor Allan Maris, two former MacGregor students and others spoke highly of the continuation students. They defied stereotypes, and were an asset to the students at Ocean View Elementary School, the speakers said.

"I have had no problems with the students at MacGregor, and will be sad to see them go," said Ocean View principal Julie Valdez.

However, some Vista neighbors said they were concerned about having high school and preschool students at the same facility. Still others said they were concerned about parking or believed the school district had not fully thought out the plan.

In the end, the board unanimously tabled the issue, with several members saying they wanted more information before making a decision.

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Maintenance

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Since 1988, owners of single-family homes have been paying $72 per property. Assessment rates in Leptien's report suggest that single-family homes greater than 5,000 square feet could pay $115, while those under 5,000 square feet could pay $103.50.

Owners of condominiums or townhouses may be asked to pay $92. Owners of apartments between two and four units would pay $80.50 per unit, and owners of more than four units would pay $69 per unit.

The report does not say how much owners of multi-unit or commercial properties are currently paying. Earlier this week, Leptien said a table showing a comparison would be included in a final draft that will be available by early January.

The current draft is available at City Hall, 10890 San Pablo Ave., and would be available online at el-cerrito.org, Pinkos said.

The new draft will reflect input from the parks and recreation commission and economic development and financial advisory boards, which discussed the report during a meeting held Tuesday night.

Lisa Cain, the president of El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce and a member of the economic development board, said she believed commercial property owners would be treated fairly under the proposed assessments.

"My feeling, at this point at least, is that I'm satisfied it was a thoughtful process," said Cain after the Tuesday meeting. "The engineer involved seems to have considered what the level of service is for each of the constituencies getting those services."

Owners of commercial properties under one acre may be asked to pay $9.58 per 1,000 square feet. For those with properties over one acre, they may see a request for $417.45 for the first acre (which equals 43,560 square feet) and $2.05 for every 1,000 square feet of additional space.

Properties receiving the benefits of being near medians or special lighting, such as those found on Fairmount Avenue, would be asked to pay more. Up to one acre would cost $16.43 per 1,000 square feet; over one acre, $715.63 for the first acre and $ditional 1,000 square

In addition, buildi ing to nonprofit org such as governments would be assessed $2. square feet, or $4.11 erties are near medi hanced lighting.

Parks Commissio mary Loubal didn't kno the figures were fair b the city should spend mo on parks. She suggeste kick in an additional for park maintenance general fund and redi agency annually on lighting and landscap ment.

Leptien said that decision for the council

"I think the big is there's probably only lars to go around," Le "Do they spend them o streetscapes, or spend something else? The picture is something ers have to look at. Th issue."

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Snapp

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fleet — every handcycle, every tandem, every three-wheeler. They even stole the helmets, spare tires and bicycle pumps.

"They essentially wiped out a program that has made a profound difference in the lives of hundreds of disabled kids in the Bay Area," said Executive Director Rick Spittler. "The fact that this happened at the holidays makes it especially painful, because these kids haven't got very much."

Many of the children come from low-income families. There's no way their parents could afford to buy these special bikes, which cost about $2,500 apiece.

BORP board President Arthur Combs said the children have lost something more than bikes; they've lost a sense of independence.

"A kid being pushed in a wheelchair can go maybe 3 or 4 miles per hour," he said. "But when we put them in a handcycle, they can go 15 to 20 miles per hour. This is freedom that they've never experienced before."

The kids are heartbroken — and a little puzzled, too.

"Why would anyone take them?" asked a girl named Antonia. "Who could use them if they're not disabled?"

The answer, Antonia, is greed. One bike was spotted for sale last weekend at the Oakland Coliseum flea market. Spittler and his colleagues are poring over the ads on eBay and Craigslist to see whether any turn up there.

The Berkeley Police are asking anyone who spots one of these special bikes to call the property crimes detail at 510-981-5737. Meanwhile, BORP is scrambling to find money to buy replacements. If you want to help, you can either contribute through BORP's Web site, borp.org, or mail a tax-deductible check to BORP, 830 Bancroft Way, room 205, Berkeley, CA 94710.

Memo to the thieves: You just ruined Christmas for hundreds of children.

Proud of yourselves?

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But maybe I spoke soon. I wrote the abo Tuesday; and since t tions from kind-hear have been pouring i man donated his entir mas bonus check — Another collected $1, his co-workers. Figur Kristi Yamaguchi's fou kicked in another five And hundreds of indiv nations, many for $5 have been coming in Internet.

You can be part of fort, too. PG&E is offe match all individual tions up to $25,000, a Fargo is offering to ma other $10,000. You ca contribute through BO Web site, borp.org, or tax-deductible check t 830 Bancroft Way, Ro Berkeley, CA 94710.

"The response has heartwarming," said Yates, BORP's adminis director. "It almost ma for the people who did

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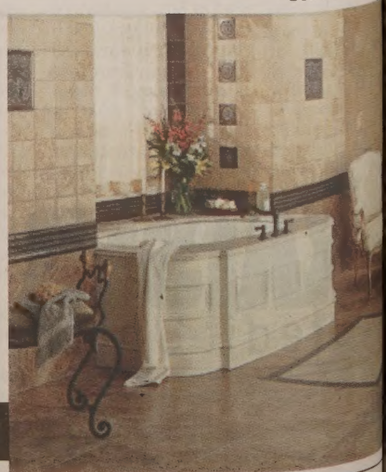
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housing market shows fatigue, but the slowing can in some areas of the coun- than others. For instance, San Francisco Bay Area, llion dollar listings are tak- er to sell than listings in the one-mil- price This can the lad- of home ding up aller to rome recently, ch in mar- ght in- homes was not easy. It was easy ell a cute little starter home. the larger replacement difficult. Often when a de-up home came on the buyers faced competition buyers who were also ea- ake the move up. en led to sale prices that er than the list price and ment on the part of the who lost out. Now as the in- f for-sale homes grows, er priced listings are tak- ing longer to sell. This means that there's more to choose from and less competition.

Interest rates are rising, but are still relatively low. This also works to your advantage in making a trade-up move. However, if you were preapproved before interest rates started to rise, you should check with your lender or mortgage broker to see if the rate changes affect the price you can pay.



DIAN HYMER
House Hunting

will take to sell your home. Recently, move-up buyers who could afford to buy first did so confidently.

These buyers were sure that their home would sell quickly and that they wouldn't be stuck owning two homes for long.

This strategy becomes more risky when the market slows. The lower-end market in many areas is still moving quickly. But this could change. So evaluate your options carefully.

> The slowing of the upper-end market is in part due to over-pricing on the part of sellers, many of whom price their homes assuming home prices will continue to rise at a breakneck pace.

HOUSE HUNTING TIP: Be on the lookout for sellers who are out of sync with the changing market. Buyers often have a good grasp of current market conditions, while sellers seem to be the last to know. The slowing of the upper-end market is in part due to over-pricing on the part of sellers, many of whom price their homes assuming home prices will continue to rise at a breakneck pace.

Also be aware that the changing market could affect the time it

Offers made contingent on the sale of another home usually don't work in hot seller's markets. But, contingent sale offers tend to come back in fashion as the market slows. If a listing you're interested in has been on the market for some time

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WEBSTER HOUSE, a bed-and-breakfast home, is now for sale in Alameda's East End. Asking price for the six-bedroom home is $2.35 million.

Alameda's Gothic Revival gem

BY DENNIS EVANOSKY
SECTION EDITOR

In 1892, when John Nelson Webster was 78 years old "The Bay of San Francisco" praised him as "an old and prominent citizen of Alameda." The book went on to call him "exemplary as a total-abstinence man, and hale and hearty at the age of 77 years. During the 40 years of his residence in California. He has not tasted tobacco or liquor in any form. He has now been a resident in the same cottage for 37 years."

That "cottage" Webster had resided in all those years is today's Webster House, a bed-and-breakfast home tucked away on Versailles Avenue in Alameda's East End.

As the city's oldest-standing residence, the Webster House began

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Oakland, Berkeley Realtor associations host 2006 inaugur



OAKLAND ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS outgoing President Lois Harris, left, passes the gavel to newly installed 2006 OAR President Kim Cleghorn at her recent inaugural, as the evening's master of ceremonies Dave Gravelle of RE/Max Executive looks on.



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BERKELEY ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS 2006 president Ron Egherman happily accep gavel from outgoing BAR President Lois Kadosh at "The Artist Within," the BAR 2006 Inaug

Oakland Realtors honor Cleghorn

BY BOBBIE REID
CORRESPONDENT

The Oakland Association of Realtors (OAR) held their 102nd Annual Inaugural honoring Kim Cleghorn, as the new 2006 President. The evening gala took place at the Dunsmuir Historic Estate Rotunda Building in Oakland. Outgoing President Lois Harris of Prudential of California Realty handled the awards presentation while Dave Gravelle of Re/Max Executive hosted the festivities.

Kim Cleghorn is a native Californian, living in Oakland for most of her life. She is the mother of one grown daughter. She has a B.S. in Physiology and an MBA in Finance. Her career in business began at a Bay Area biotech firm as a research scientist. Cleghorn's father owned a financial company and she joined him as a stockbroker and an insurance broker.

Cleghorn began her real estate career in the early '90s while living here in California. In 2003 she joined RE/Max Executive. She is the managing Broker of the offices in Oakland and Berkeley.

In 2003 she was chosen the Oakland Association of Realtors Realtor of the Year. As a believer in the power of education, Cleghorn continues hers, earning five real estate designations. Among the five are SRES, senior real estate specialist and e-PRO, Internet real estate professional.

"Our theme for this year is 'Paving The Way'," commented Cleghorn. "The 2006 Leadership Team will pave the way for future leadership." She also intends to raise an even higher dollar amount for the Oral Lee Brown Foundation (OLBF) during her term of office. As the 2004 Chair of the OAR Task Force for OLBF, she helped raised $50,000 for college scholarships.

Cleghorn is a California Association of Realtors director. She belongs to the Women's Council of

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Egherman takes Berkeley Realtor g

BY BOBBIE REID
CORRESPONDENT

The UC Art Museum, in Berkeley was the setting for the Berkeley Association of Realtors 2006 Inaugural. Ron Egherman was honored as the new 2006 President, at the 104th annual event. The elegantly casual dinner/dance, "The Artist Within" encouraged guests to attend in artistically dressy attire. Festivities began with a networking and cocktail hour with Gallery Viewing. An awards ceremony, dinner and dancing followed. The Albany High Jazz Band, DJ Ezzy Medina and EarthCapades Environmental Vaudeville provided the music and entertainment.

California Association of Realtors 2006 president-elect Colleen Badagliacco installed BAR officers and directors. The new officers include president-elect Arlene Baxter and Treasurer/Secretary Gene Della Maggiora.

Lois Kadosh, 2005 President, of Kadosh Real Estate welcomed the new president. Special guest Badagliacco of CAR administered the oath of office to President Egherman.

Egherman was born and raised in Chicago. He earned a bachelor of architecture degree from UC Berkeley. He's been a Kensington resident for 30 years.

He began his career path as a trained architect. After gaining considerable knowledge about museums, he was appointed deputy director of the Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco and spent 20 years in that field. His last appointment was executive director of the Ansel Adams Center for Photography.

In 1991 Egherman began his new career as a Realtor. In March of this year, he joined dens Real Estate. He the ownership of the

Egherman has a tive in the community activities have ranged President of the Ber vatory of Ballet to be and creator of the Ke School Enrichment was one of the four Kensington Educator and the president of ton Fire District.

Along with his pres ties, he serves as a d California Associatio His inauguration was and kick off for the as "Youth, Arts and Educ The fund will benefit supplementing annual

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Webster

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with the assembly of an A. J. Downing-designed Gothic Revival home around 1850.

Webster had the home milled in New York. In 1849 he shipped it around Cape Horn in the hull of the bark Henry Harbeck. Family records show that Webster moved in with his second wife, Caroline, in 1852. Three children from his first marriage, Edgar, Jane and Morris joined them later

John Nelson Webster was born on April 15, 1814, in Canajoharie, New York. He left home at the age of 16. First he worked in Albany as a clerk. In 1837, he opened his own mercantile store in Fonda. He married Anor Amanda Washburn in 1840. They had five children: Edgar, Jane and Morris Case; two children died infancy. Anor Amanda died in 1848.

Webster stayed in the mercantile business until March 1849, when he joined the Mohawk Mining Company. He sailed with the company to California on the bark Henry Harbeck. Each member of 28-man company put in $100 worth of goods as his share.

The Henry Harbeck sailed around Cape Horn, and arrived in San Francisco after a 193-day voyage on Sept. 17, 1849. It took the Mohawk Mining Company until about Dec. 1 to sell its goods. It no doubt delighted the company's members to learn their $100 shares had increased in value to $500 per share. Each member took his profit and struck out on his own.

Webster used his windfall to successfully speculate in calico and buttons. He then bought a yawl and turned a profit hauling freight. "He seemed to make money at everything to which he turned his hand," "The Bay of San Francisco" article says.

For example, Webster purchased a Chilean brig for $1,000, which proved one of his best investments. He immediately sold the mahogany boards from its deck for $500 and the spars for $500 — immediately covering the price of the boat. Webster then fitted up the vessel as a store.

In December 1850 he returned to New York for a visit. While there, he married his wife's cousin, Caroline Washburn. The couple returned to California in May 1852 and moved into the home John had assembled in Alameda.

Webster and H.P. Degraaf then started business on a ship. Through 1853, they made profits of $100 a day. Toward the end of 1853, Degraaf sold out to Webster, who continued the business until 1854. Degraaf returned to New York a millionaire.

When Webster first came to Alameda, the peninsula's heaviest population was on High Street. "The Bay of San Francisco" says, "His residence was the farthest off in the woods. There was not even a wagon road in front of his house. Today (1892) the streetcars stop at that point 62 times a day."

A son, George Nelson Webster, was born to John and Caroline on April 2, 1855. He died in 1864. Erwin was born in 1866 and died one year later. Caroline bore Walter in 1868; he died in infancy.

Webster was a religious man raised as a Free-Will Baptist. He later joined the Methodist Episcopalians. He was generous in establishing the Methodist Episcopal Church in Alameda. He served as the Sunday school's first superintendent and sang in the choir for 21 consecutive years.

The 1880 census shows John Nelson and Caroline living alone at the Webster House on Monroe Street. Construction of the Versailles train station forced them to turn the home around to face Versailles Avenue and change its address. The name of Monroe Street was changed to Encinal Avenue.

John Nelson died in 1892, Caroline in 1903. The Webster House passed to their daughter Jane Elizabeth Sturtevant. It remained in the family until 1981, when Susan and Andrew McCormack brought it from the Sturtevant estate. They have run a successful bed and breakfast in this City of Alameda historic landmark since 1982.



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A FIRE KEEPS THE WEBSTER HOUSE living room cozy on a wintry day. The home is currently used as a bed and breakast.

As the city's oldest-standing residence, the Webster House began with the assembly of an A. J. Downing-designed Gothic Revival home around 1850.

Vital Statistics

What: A historic 3,000-plus square foot Gothic Revival home at 1238 Versailles Ave., in Alameda
Bedrooms: Six; four with parlors
Baths: Six
Features: Family records show this home was likely built around 1850. J.N Webster had the home milled in New York using renowned architect A.J. Downing's design. He then shipped the home around Cape Horn in 1849 and built it using redwood from Leona Heights. The home has six fireplaces, a full commercial kitchen, a second galley and kitchen. It has served as a bed and breakfast since 1982.
Asking price: $2.35 million
Listing agent: Evelyn Kennedy, Gallagher & Lindsey Realtors, 510-748-1120. Home shown by appointment.

Hymer

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and the seller is anxious for an offer, you might try a contingent sale offer and see if you can negotiate a deal.

Keep in mind that you can usually negotiate a lower price if your offer is not contingent on the sale of another property.

With a contingent sale offer, the seller is worried about two things. One is whether the buyer will list his house at a sensible price. The other related concern is how long it will take the buyer to sell his home.

It helps to shorten the time it takes to sell your home if it's ready to go on the market as soon as you're in contract to buy your new home. So, plan to do your fix-up-for-sale work in advance.

To sweeten a contingent sale offer, ask the seller for a short time period to find a buyer for your home - say three weeks. If your home is ready to go and you price it right, you just might sell in time.

THE CLOSING: It may be easier for you to sell your starter home than it will be for the seller of the larger, more expensive home to sell his.

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Child savings plans: Bey the nightstand stash



LEILA GOUG
Money Matters

Piggy banks are famous for storing the wealth of America's youth. Some are pink and pudgy, others flaunt colorful spots, and still others aren't even pigs at all. While the variety seems endless, they all have one thing in common.

Usually found on the nightstand of the typical 5- to 8-year-old, they contain tangible dollars and cents that children can see and smell. To any adult, this may seem silly, but it is the key to understanding what your children value, helping them understand what they should value in the future, and teaching them the importance of saving their cents.

For young children a one-dollar bill that sits in their nightstand stash may seem more valuable than the $100 check grandma and grandpa gave them for their last birthday. Why? Their parents took the liberty of purchasing a few shares of stock with their birthday money at the local brokerage firm. To the child, it might as well have fallen down a deep, dark hole.

Although most parents have good intentions when investing their child's gift, they have taken the control away from their child and placed it into the hands of an institution too complicated for the child to understand. Even after they explain that money invested into the stock market can earn even more money, no chores attached, their youngster will still prefer the pig.

Before rushing to the broker, expand on your swift explanation of savings. Help your child understand the world of money by accommodating their reliance on tangible objects. Take them to the brokerage firm and show them around. Introduce them to the firm's employees and let your child choose the company in which they would be proud to own a bit of stock. Their favorite toy company or fast food restaurant chain may be a great choice! With a newfound familiarity, the stockbroker is no longer a money-eating monster, but instead a person who may enhance their treasures.

One thing to remember – brokerage accounts may not be opened in a child's name, aside from a custodial type of account, until the age of majority. But you can still introduce them to the concept.

After helping your c a few shares of stock, g copy of the business p the local newspaper, her a visual representa value of her stock on a sis, it allows her to be volved with her invest ing her the control to it whenever she wants

While this newspa gives your children a and a tangible underst their assets in the st the idea of interest e savings accounts ma difficult to understand. It may be paid on a lit far too low for the edu children, it may be wise a bit of "interest" to home stash. By underst that their piggy bank money on a regular ba say monthly – they m that by saving more m can earn more money.

Although this may put an unrealistic hel benefits of interest due aggerated return the there are many stock investments available the potential to ear monthly returns.

But hopefully, as you gin this real-world pro to these more comple vestment types, they learning about the valu ing money. All this tak ings and accumulatin is important, but mea until they understand money is truly worth back to that $100 bill Obviously, $100 that s them is worth a lot m they realize how ma ends of cutting grass a to earn the equivalen ing some money m they may not want to s silly objects right awa they may think twice a their piggy bank.

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'T'is the season for handy home-improvement gifts



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'Tis the season for jolly gifting and I've got some ideas for good ones.

Anet and I just gave to ourselves the softest vacuum cleaner. Eureka Mighty Mite is the name. It's small, but great, and doesn't seem to be as loud as other vacuum cleaners. It's also a big plus.

It's an upright with a hose attached, no fooling around necessary. The handle shrinks for making it quite compact (42 feet high) and it switches from floor to rug setting with the push of a button. We bought ours at Costco for $55 after Anet had seen and tested her mother's house. Our experience We can use it for listings, it's super quiet and lightweight. The color scheme is lime green.

Others are at Reliance Appliance and Bradley recently looking for a part for a vintage Wedgewood stove which, by miracle, they happened to have. While we were there we asked about the cost of re-chroming and rebuilding my own chrome-top Wedgewood.

Prices vary of course depending on size but for my 36 inch, 4-burner plus griddle, single oven stove, $1200 would pay for new chrome on the top. To have my stove completely rebuilt and restored, including new valves, oven door springs and such, the cost would be $3500.

This may seem like a lot of money but if you are a fan of old stoves, you should go see what they've got for sale at Reliance Appliance. Gorgeous old stoves completely redone, some even with new porcelain in wonderful colors, at prices starting at about $5000 up to $8000.

Black & Decker has a new cordless electric screwdriver out that Anet finds very tempting. I'm surprised she hasn't bought one for herself yet but maybe that's because she already has a cordless DeWalt. Still, this new one has some advantages.

It's small and light, easy to handle, easy to maneuver in tight spaces. Ideal for putting up or taking down drapery rods, switch plates and the like. Plus, because it's powered by lithium ion batteries, it will hold a charge for 18 months. The name is Smart Screwdriver, it comes with 40 different bits, and it costs $40.

For stuffing stockings, would it be too strange to put in a bottle of dish soap? It wouldn't be for me. Ajax grapefruit scented dish soap is the one. I love it, the smell is so good and clean, I look forward to using it every morning on knives and other things I don't put in the dishwasher.

In that same stocking, include at least one Mr. Clean Magic Eraser. I've been using magic erasers for lots of things for years. I find them especially excellent for the fronts of my painted kitchen cabinets, refrigerator and dishwasher. Recently I discovered a new use - wiping away black marks on my kitchen sink. After I've washed a cookie sheet or my Dutch oven in the sink, it takes about 3 seconds to get the marks off the white porcelain.

There are lots of different types of bird feeders. The one we have is for finches, a cloth bag filled with thistle seed and suspended by a cord from a tree branch. We get lots of finches, sometimes whole flocks, many all-yellow. These pretty little birds hold onto the net bag to eat, often half a dozen at a time, outside our window.

Bird seed from bird feeders I've had in the past fell on the ground and sprouted weeds, but thistle seed appears to be sproutless. The squirrels don't go after it either. I think feeder and seed together would cost about $12, a wonderful gift for any age.

My mom gave us a bird feeder when my son was a baby. We hung it outside the kitchen window near where his high chair was. I can still see him pointing and calling to the birds. In fact, I believe his first word was bird.

Some years ago at Christmastime, Anet and I took my kids to Neiman Marcus in San Francisco for tea. Sitting in the Rotunda in the afternoon and eating little sandwiches and cakes is delightful. We love seeing the enormous Neiman tree and this year a light rain made the view of the Union Square stores and lights especially sparkly.

The petit fours and cucumber and salmon sandwiches were better than ever this year and so was the Jasmine tea that we always choose. We like this tea so much that a couple of years ago we asked where we could buy some for home and now we order it on-line.

Mountain Spring Jasmine is the tea, only one of many that Mighty Leaf Tea Company in San Rafael has available. Not inexpensive at about $40 for 100 tea bags but delicious and aromatic tea. Plus the tea bags are sewn from sheer white cloth, almost like a dance dress.

Happy gift giving.

Pat Talbert and Anet Tarpoff are residential real estate agents who can be reached at 653-2050 and at www.tarpoffandtalbert.com.

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Handy Classes

The Building Education Center in Berkeley provides ongoing classes, lectures and events for the experienced and those new to remodeling and renovation. There are evening classes on weekdays and daytime classes on the weekends. For information contact **Sydney** at 510-525-7610 or visit bldgeductr.org.

PRESIDENT CLEGHORN

Kim Cleghorn of RE/Max Executive was installed as the new president of the Oakland Association of Realtors, Friday, Dec. 9. The historic Dunsmuir Estate was the backdrop for this 102nd Inaugural. Accolades may be given by calling 510-875-7700.

FAVROTH 2ND TERM

Felecial Favroth took the oath of office as the 2006 president of the Women's Council of Realtors East Bay Chapter at Scott's in Jack London Square. This marks her second term as president Call and say thank you for serving call 510-967-6661.

PRESIDENTIAL APPLAUSE

■ The Alameda Association of Realtors annual installation luncheon was Thursday, Dec. 1. The event was held at the Oakland Yacht Club in Alameda. **Hadi Monsef** of OMM, Inc. was installed as the 2006 president. Say congrats by calling 510-523-7229.

■ The UC Berkeley Art Museum was the site of the Berkeley Association of Realtors 2006 Inaugural, Friday, Dec. 2. **Ron Egherman** of Marvin Gardens accepted the gavel as the new president. Wish him well by calling 510-848-4288.

BAY EAST

The Bay East Association of Realtors begins the New Year with the inaugural of **Gib Souza**, of RE/Max Executive in Livermore as the 2006 president. "A Night In Margarita Ville" is the title of the themed evening, Saturday, Jan. 7, at San Ramon Marriott. After the ceremony, members will kick back and kick up their heels to the sounds of the Papa Do Run Run band. Get more details at www.bayeast.org .

MACK MOVES

Same company. New location. **Joycle Mack** announced a move to a new location for Fidelity National Title in Oakland. The new offices are at 500 12th St. Suite 250. Mack is vice president of commercial services/customer relations. **Carrie Ritter** was named the new office manager. The pair register a total of 52 years combined experience in the escrow and title industry. Say hey at 510-893-8177.

COACHING COACHES

Real Estate coach **Kitty Cole** and life coach **George Joyce** offer a nine-month course for experienced real estate agents. "The Coaching Program" is 1 to 5 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 11, with 15 sessions during the year. The purpose is to make a team of effective business coaches available to agents throughout the Bay Area. Get tuition information by calling 925-296-0800.

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TIDBITS

Check out page 82 in the December issue of Cosmopolitan magazine for a quote from this columnist, the author of Clueless: Real Solutions for Men Who Don't Get It And The Women Who Love



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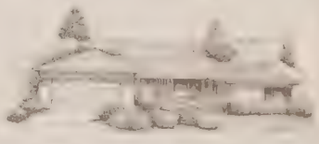
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$425,000

San Francisco -- Mission
Beautiful 3-unit Edwardian. 2 2bd units, wonderfully updated 3bd top floor unit with views to Twin Peaks. Ideal investment or as TICs (two units vacant at COE).
$1,795,000

Mill Valley
Charming 4 bd, 1 ba home in popular Sycamore Park close to schools, rec center, downtown & more. Refinished floors and new paint inside and outside facade. Use as is or bring your imagination. There's lots of potential.
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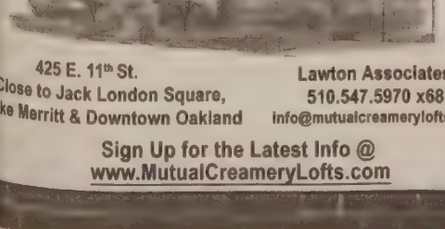
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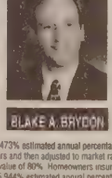
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BAR

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educational institutions. The focus will be recipients in Albany, Berkeley, El Cerrito and Kensington.

"One of my key goals is to grow the new 'Youth, Arts and Education Fund', so we can make a difference in the lives of children in need," commented President Egherman. "Realtors are very generous with their support to the community and this fund will help demonstrate that fact."

When he's not busy with fundraising and real estate, Egherman is creating unusual types of beer as a home brewer. For recreation he scuba dives. He is a collector of photography, as well.

Each year, BAR presents special awards for outstanding achievement. Awardees included Gene Della Maggiora of Coldwell Banker and Rich Graf of Old Republic Title Company. Maggiora is the recipient of the 2005 Realtor of the Year Award. Graf received recognition as the 2005 Affiliate of the Year.

The Berkeley Association of Realtors was founded in 1902; the 2005 inaugural marked the association's 103-year anniversary. For more information about BAR call 510-848-4288.

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Realtors East Bay Chapter. She also is a member of the Solano Avenue Business Improvement District.

Each year, OAR presents three special awards for outstanding achievement. Awardees included Realtors Patricia Bennett of Montclair Better Homes, Don Dunning of Wells & Bennett and Affiliate Ramadan Aziz of First American Title. Aziz was chosen the Affiliate of the Year. Bennett and Dunning shared recognition as the Realtor of the Year.

Kimberly McGuire-Reid of Windsor Capital was the recipient of the Women's Council of Realtors Patty Bennett Award.

Honorary Member status was bestowed on two members this year. The presentation recognized longtime membership in the organization. Bob Valva and Cecil Reeves, both of Valva Realty were honored.

A unique presentation was included in the program. Four years ago OAR created a special committee, chaired this year by Shirley Covington of Prudential Realty, to raise funds for the Oral Lee Brown Foundation. The foundation provides college scholarships for Oakland high school students. Oral Lee Brown was presented with a check for $40,000 for her kids.

The 2006 Co-Chairs of the Oral Lee Brown Task Force are Lois Harris and Shirley Covington. In attendance was special guest Vince Malta, the California Association of Realtors President-Elect. Malta conducted the installation ceremony and administered the oath of office.

For more information on the Oakland Association call 510-836-3000.

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y wife, Sonia, and I are in the of a major remodel of most of e. I am sharing our experi- to help you avoid problems d you embark on a similar es. For the first article, go to my ates at www.eastbay-realtor.com.

Wednesday, Oct. 19: Our first ge: Sonia went into the master om this morning to see the com- framing. It was not what we ex- d. The architect had added a ative bump-out to the middle n of our wall-to-wall closet. es eliminated about five inches r space and looked weird. questioned, our foreman, Sam, d Sonia the closets on the Apparently, the architect, with- er consulting us, decided to his "flourish." Sam quickly d to remove the offending closet n. Unfortunately, the electrician eady run electric wiring using nwanted section. This will be d, but it will cost us extra for o. We are not pleased.

Thursday, Oct. 20: Work was eding nicely today until we ntered mishap number two. alled us outside to show us foundation work being r the master bath expansion. nd that our architect had cut a foot off the addition with- scussion or explanation.

ther, against our specific re- to keep them, the architect for the existing toilet and sink, excellent condition, to be re- Fortunately, the crew checked s before throwing them out. chitect's unauthorized revision ave added the unnecessary new bathroom fixtures.

alled our contractor, who is ccommodating. He promised e over and help us make the s we envisioned it. He re- what he had told us yester- arding the closet faux pas: cts make these errors all the rd our problems are minor ed to what could go wrong. , we have been around to the mistakes. Nonetheless, holding our breaths that reversible glitch does not e while we are out earn- ing.

Friday, Oct. 21: First thing this , two men began work re- doors on a storage shed so d add locks. I noticed the to be used were the kind easily removed and offered urity. Sonia saw there were sons for pull handles.

ways, Sam was quick in of- to exchange the parts for

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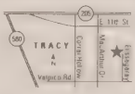
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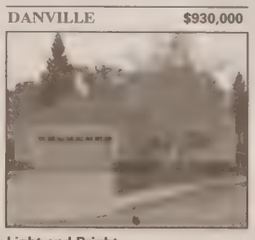
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what we wanted. In addition, our questions led him to suggest sliding latches, floor and ceiling, for the stationary door.

Had I returned later, the doors would have been up, but not to our liking. I noticed some items that needed changing while Sonia picked up on other issues. We make a great team, but the pressure to cover every detail is immense.

Luckily for us, in most instances, one of the crew shows us what he is doing and asks if it is okay before it is too late. We cannot rely solely on the architect's plans nor the fact that they were approved by the city.

Another potential problem was avoided today. We are relocating the washer and dryer from an area in the kitchen, where they were side by side, to a closet that is being expanded so they can be stacked. If we had not caught it in time, the hot and cold water faucets, gas shut off and electric sockets would not be accessible once the washer and dryer were in place.

Sonia and Sam have come to a compromise on the size of the bathroom so that a new foundation trench does not need to be dug. Sam assures Sonia that we will not lose as much on the inside as we first thought despite the fact that the outside does not extend as far as we believe it should. Sounds illogical, but we trust Sam.

Today, we received a call from our kitchen designer, Suzanne. She has been phenomenally helpful. She was checking on our kitchen progress to coordinate cabinet delivery. After consulting with our contractor, we scheduled delivery for the week of Nov. 7. The kitchen will not be ready for cabinets before then.

Suzanne is doing us a favor by extending the delivery date. If we do not accept delivery by Nov. 7, the storage cost is some outrageous fee per day.

Aside from the obvious quality of construction, the men always clean up very well and leave things neat before leaving. Despite this, the amount of dust in the house is amazing. When they start sheet rocking and sanding and then, later, refinish the floors, dust will reach a new level.

Coincidentally, as I write this, I smell something burning; it is the motor of our HEPA air filter, the only thing between us and suffocation. Getting a new machine has just risen to number one on our "to do" list.

Tuesday, Oct. 25: This is a busy day. First, we are dealing with the heating contractor, later, the window replacement people.

Initially, we expected to pay for relocating registers and cold air returns due to moving walls around. After lots of thought, we realized that replacing the furnace and all heating ducts was the most sensible thing to do. The heating man gave us a good bid, but it still adds a lot to our ever-expanding remodeling budget.

The furnace has been on our minds because we have lived in this home a long time and it was not new when we arrived. We are ambivalent about replacing it because it is still functioning well. The ducts,

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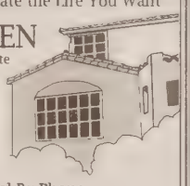
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rsely, are the original, as- covered ones. They are sep- in many places and are los- of heat.

window situation is another rtunately, we know the win from when we remodeled rm room, about three years e came today to see where d new windows. Last week, ntractor alerted us that the dimensions in the plans for ster bedroom do not meet code for a sleeping room. See "What Is a Bedroom?" on my Web site.

The architect's windows could only have worked if they were almost floor to ceiling, which made no sense to us. Following much discussion, we made yet another compromise and will have the windows widened.

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919-921 Mandela Parkway Open 2-4



OAKLAND - NEW! $539,000
4/2 - Last of 3 condos in elegant Victorian. All the charm of the era including softwood floors & gallery decking for this unit. More!
1093 67th Street Open 2-4

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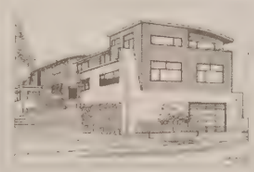
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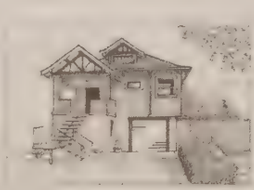
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A: If you want to know how easy it is for a baby to get into things, get down on your hands and knees and crawl around. What you can reach will surprise you. One of the first things I did after my second son arrived and started wandering was to add balusters to the deck railings to make it impossible for him to get his head between them. There should be no more than four inches between balusters.

Here are some other precautions to take:

Store hazardous items out of harm's way: knives, medicines, household cleaners, even shaving cream and deodorant, all of which can hurt the baby.

Keep small appliances unplugged and out of reach, hide plastic-wrap products on high shelves, and cover garbage cans with tight lids.

Limit access to the garage or basement, either with gates that fit snugly into areas at the base of the stairways or by making sure the doors to those areas remain closed and locked. Stay away from accordion-type wooden gates (another place a little head might fit through); use plastic gates with mesh panels.

Plastic insulator caps that plug directly into electrical receptacles keep little fingers out of sockets. But it would be better if you made sure all the receptacles were in working order and replaced as many as possible with ground-fault circuit interrupters, which cut the power immediately on contact with moisture.

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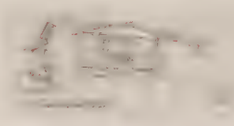
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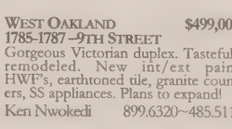
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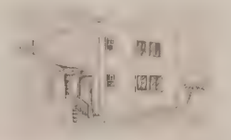
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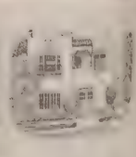
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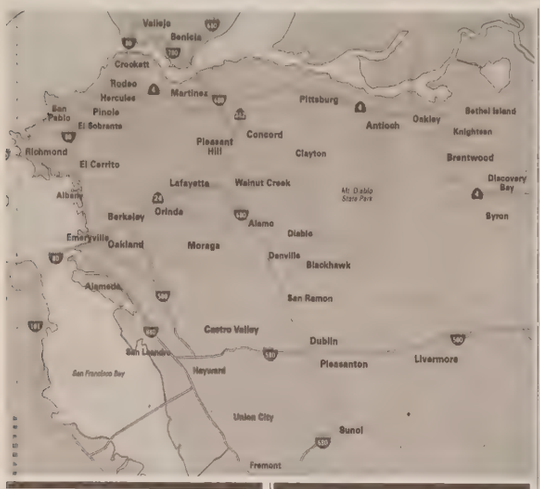
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Alameda

$389,000 325 Kitty Hawk Rd #213 2BD/1BA
Sun 2-4 510-333-8897
Alameda Realty Eileen Walker

$425,000 1170 9th Street #17 1bd/1ba
Sun 2-4 510-748-1148/748-1198
Gallagher & Lindsey P. Dimacali/D. Park

$425,000 1701 Central Ave.#A 2 BD/2 BA
Sun 2-4 Central 510-748-1101/748-1175
Gallagher & Lindsey R. Masonek/A. DeBardeleben

$425,000 2051 Otis Drive C 2BD/1BA
Sun 2-4 South Shore 510-814-4842
Harbor Bay Realty Coly Young

$525,000 3022 Alta Vista 2 BD/1.5 BA
Sun 2-4 510-846-3418
Alameda Realty Debra Gorman

$550,000 2629 Central Ave. 2BD/2BA
Open Sun 2-4:30 510-339-4700
Coldwell Banker Bonnie Ross

$598,000 51 Garden Rd. 2BD/1BA
Sat/Sun 2-4 Bay Farm isl. 510-814-4872/814-4868
Harbor Bay Realty Ginger & Erik Schuler

$629,000 2170 Pacific Avenue 3bd/1ba
Sun 2-4 Central 510-748-1148/748-1184
Gallagher & Lindsey P. Dimacali / The Henkel's

$634,500 3216 Ravens Cove Ln. 3BD/1.5BA
Sat/Sun 2-4 Ravens Cove 510-748-1108
Gallagher & Lindsey Bill & Griselda Bissett

$635,000 1210 Pacific Ave. 3 BD/1 BA
Sun 2-4 510-523-0707
Panavista Realty Ramesh

$665,000 1521 Minturn 4 BD/2 BA
Sun 2-4 Central 510-748-1148/748-1105
Gallagher & Lindsey P. Dimacali/I. Murillo

$669,500 1344-46 Weber st. Duplex
Sun 2-4 Gold Coast Area 510-748-1108
Gallagher & Lindsey Bill & Griselda Bissett

$675,000 1112 Rosewood Way 3BD/2BA
Sun 2-4 South Shore 510-814-4800
Harbor Bay Realty Janet Iverson

$679,000 1109 Rosewood Wy. 3BD/2 BA
Sun 2-4 South Shore 510-748-5300
Home-Link Real Estate Robert Neumann

$688,000 5 Sandering Ct. 3 BD/2.5 BA
Sun 1-4 West End 510-755-4003
Help-U-Sell Alameda Homes John Chang

$695,000 #10 Sandering Ct 4bd/2.5ba
Sun. 1-4 510-428-0900
Prudential Brian Santilena

$695,000 1512 Union St. 4 BD/2 BA
Sun 2-4:30 510-769-1606
Bickley Real Estate John Bickley

$699,000 2430 Webb Ave. 3BD/2BA
Sat 1-4 510-681-5249
Alameda Realty Carol Knight

$699,000 456 Pacific Ave. 2 Units
Sun 1-4 West End 510-814-4826
Harbor Bay Realty Donnaluci Williams

$710,000 1053 Island Dr. 3BD/2BA
Sat/Sun 2-4 Bay Farm Island 510-814-4832/814-4815
Harbor Bay Realty D. Alvarez/N. Gordon

$735,000 1718 Lafayette St. 3BD/2BA
Sun 2-4 510-508-1215
Kane & Associates John McNulty

$749,000 1545 Santa Clara Ave. 3+BD/ 2 BA
Sat & Sun 2-4:30 510-522-5827
Bayside Real Estate Dianna Wyman

$799,000 609 Larchmont Isle. 3BD/2BA
Sun 2-4 510-523-0746
Kane & Associates Mindy Hart

$843,000 2813 Bayview Dr. 3 BD/2.5 BA
Sat 1-4 510-910-5204
Alameda Realty Vincent San Nicolas

$849,000 383 Capetown Dr. 3 BD/2.5 BA
Sun 2-4 Harbor Bay Isle 510-814-4824
Harbor Bay Realty Darin Vinall

Alameda

$850,000 131 Diapian Bay 3 BD/2 BA
Sun 2-4 510-882-2215
Kane & Associates Agnes Wu

$850,000 1337 Sherman 4BD/3BA
Sat/Sun 2-4 510-331-5480/846-1561
Kane & Associates V. Lim/L. Marin

$950,000 1205 Ballena Bay 3BD/2.5BA
Sun 1:30-4:30 Ballena Bay 510-748-1101
Gallagher & Lindsey Ruth Masonek

$990,000 44 Basinside Way 4 BD/3 BA
Sun 2-4:30 510-521-1647
Bayside Real Estate Quinn Stone

$1,185,000 2904 Gibbons Dr. 5BD/2.5BA
Sun 2-4 East End 510-914-3003
Harbor Bay Realty Steve Sorensen

$1,195,000 1626-1628 Alameda Ave. Duplex
Sun 2-4 Central 510-748-1157
Gallagher & Lindsey Michele Poulter

$1,900,000 221 Creedon Cir. 4 BD/4 BA
Sun 2-4 Harbor Bay Isle 510-814-4885
Harbor Bay Realty Jeff Goodman

Albany

$629,000 1061 Cornell St 3bd/2ba
Open Sun 1-4 510-280-2120
Red Oak Realty Jimmy Reina

$639,000 1010 Kains Ave 3bd/2.5ba
Open Sun 1-4 510-280-2171
Red Oak Realty Noreen Sanders

$775,000 1049 Ordway St 3+bd/2ba
Open Sun. 2-4:30 510-868-1400
Prudential Chris Henry

$995,000 796 Hillside Ave 4BD/3BA
Open Sun 2-4:30 510-652-2133
The Grubb Co. Annie Walrand

Berkeley

$485,000 1312 B Cedar Ave 2bd/1ba
Open Sun. 1-4 Central Location 510-848-0010
Bay Area Berkeley Properties

$495,000 1527 Sacramento St 2bd/1ba
Open Sun. 2-4 510-280-2104
Red Oak Realty Tom Cone

$499,000 1787 Oxford St. 1BD/1BA
Open Sun 2-4 510-486-1495
Coldwell Banker Michael Oh

$499,000 2030 Blake #A 3bd/2ba
Open Sun. 1-4:30 510-334-8932
ZipRealty Herman Chan

$585,000 2826 Prince St. 1BD/1BA
Open Sun 2-4 510-486-1495
Coldwell Banker Diana Kay

$599,000 1657 Capistrano Ave 2bd/1ba
Open Sun. 2-4 510-280-2184
Red Oak Realty Sharon Diedrichs

$630,000 1830 Carleton St 3bd/1ba
Open Sun. 1-4 510-774-4231
Red Oak Realty Mark Lederer

$639,000 1406 Delaware 2+bd/2.5ba
Open Sun.1-4 North Berkeley 510-845-0211
Prudential Debra Alber

$1,125,000 781 Spruce 4BD/3BA
Open Sun 2-4 Berkeley Hills 510-486-1495
Coldwell Banker Diane Southworth

$1,699,000 1039 Amito Dr. 4BD/4.5BA
Open Sun 1:30-4:30 510-899-8000
Alain Pinel Realtors Hal Castle

$1,750,000 2834 Hillegass Avenue 5BD/5.5BA
Open Sun 2-4:30 510-652-2133
The Grubb Co. Bebe McRae

Concord

$519,000 1457 Toyon Dr 3bd/2ba
Open Sun. 1-4 510-280-2155
Red Oak Realty Josh Levine

El Cerrito

$449,500 1233 Liberty St 2bd/1ba
Open Sun. 2-4 510-219-1165
Red Oak Realty Francesco Papalia

$549,000 1038 Everett Street 3BD/1BA
Open Sun 2-4:30 510-339-0400
The Grubb Co. Matthew W. Heafey

$565,000 1120 Norvell Ct 3bd/1ba
Open Sun. 2-4:30 510-439-6682
Coldwell Banker Bartels Larry Mota

$575,000 808 Richmond St 3bd/1ba
Open Sun. 2-4:30 510-292-7041
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$575,000 844 Lexington Ave. 3BD/2BA
Open Sun 2-4 510-486-1495
Coldwell Banker Teresa Brofferio

$595,000 5459 Poinsett 3BD/2BA
Open Sun 1-4 510-486-1495
Coldwell Banker Kimiko Terry/Sebastian Ages

$745,000 5403 Rosalind 4bd/2.5ba
Open Sun 1:30-4 510-662-8558
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$915,000 1307 Contra Costa Dr 3bd/3ba
Open Sun 2-4:30 510-303-8245
Coldwell Banker Bartels Sil Addiego

Hayward

$549,950 715 Veranda Cir. 3BD/3BA
Open Sun 2-4:30 510-339-4700
Coldwell Banker Reva Tolbert

$615,000 610 Gleneagle Ave 3bd/2ba
Open Sun. 1:30-4 510-407-1619
Red Oak Realty Hila Blick

Hercules

$649,900 133 Crane Ct 4bd/2ba
Open Sun. 1:30-4 510-508-5580
Coldwell Banker Bartels Mary Cao

$739,000 1015 Craftsman Dr. 3BD/2.5BA
Open Sun 1-4 510-486-1495
Coldwell Banker Gene Della Maggiora

Oakland

$199,000 2814 Short St 2bd/1ba
Open Sun. 2-4 510-292-2031
Red Oak Realty John Nunes

$355,000 619 22nd St. 2BD/2BA
Open Sun 2-4:30 Downtown 510-339-4700
Coldwell Banker Reva Tolbert

$379,000 1555 Lakeside Drive #25 2BD/2BA
Open Sun 2-4:30 Lake Merritt 510-339-0400
The Grubb Co. Anthony Riggins

$389,000 3800 Maybelle Ave. #12 2 BD/1.5 BA
Sat & Sun 1-4 510-346-4112
Keller Williams Tere Lee

$389,000 8072 Winthrope St 3bd/2ba
Sat/Sun 1-5 King Estates 510-339-9290
Prudential Erik Johnson

$399,000 311 Oak #741 0 BD/1 BA
Sun 2-4 510-814-4897 / 814-4848
Harbor Bay Realty Nancy Mach / Ringo Liu

$399,000 389 Belmont St #110 2BD/2BA
Open Sun. 1-4 Adams Pt. 510-595-7699
RE/MAX East Bay Hills Dave Higgins

$399,000 4117 Penniman Ave 2BD/1BA
Open Sat & Sun 2-4:30 Laurel 510-985-1117
Prudential CA Realty Jay Poshepny

$399,000 4501 Howe St. 2BD/1BA
Open Sun 2-4:30 Piedmont Ave 925-254-0440
Prudential CA Realty Narra Asher

$419,000 425 E. 11th St. #24 1BD/1BA
Open 12-5 East Lake Lofts 510-547-5970 x55
Lawton Associates Ron Kriss

$435,000 425 Orange St #217 2BD/2BA
Open Sun 2-4:30 510-336-9999
Assist-2-Sell Maurice

$445,000 1563 78th Avenue 3BD/1BA
Sat/Sun 2-4:30 Eastmont 510-748-1166
Gallagher & Lindsey, Inc. Roaindo & Coqui Basora

$456,000+ 3220-3234 Linden St 8 Units
Open Sun. 2-4 (8 Townhomes) 510-280-2105
Red Oak Realty Sara Garabedian

$459,000 3112 Maxwell 2BD/1BA
Open Sun 2-4:30 Maxwell Park 510-531-7000 x228
Wells & Bennett Realtors Kate Phillips

$465,000 3001 Blossom 1+bd/1ba
Open Sun. 2-4:30 510-868-1400
Prudential Warwick May

$468,000 1444 E. 31st Street 2BD/1BA
Open Sun 2-4:30 510-531-7000 x232
Wells & Bennett Realtors Tracy Butler

$469,800 6206 Monadock Way 2bd/1ba
Open Sun.1-4 Millsmont 510-472-7190
Prudential John Wertheimer

$469,900 46 Spy Glass H1 1BD/1BA
Open Sun 2-4:30 Hiller Highland 510-339-4700
Coldwell Banker Liat Bostick

$475,000 7916 Winthrope St 2bd/1ba
Open Sun. 1-4 510-282-5666
Red Oak Realty Linda Elkin

$478,000 3414 Laguna Avenue 2BD/1BA
Open Sun 2-4:30 Dimond 510-531-7000 x261
Wells & Bennett Realtors Nicolette Bot

Oakland

$479,000 425 E. 11th St. #18 1BD/1BA
Open 12-5 East Lake Lofts 510-547-5970 x55
Lawton Associates Ron Kriss

$480,000 1256 E 33rd ST 2+bd/1+ba
Open Sun.1-4 Bella Vista 510-287-5764
Prudential Mayling Trinh

$489,000 3151 Courtland Ave 2bd/2ba
Open Sun. 2-4 510-280-2162
Red Oak Realty Saraya Motley

$499,000 4433 Brookdale 2+BD/1BA
Open Sun 2-4:30 Maxwell Park 510-531-7000 x228
Wells & Bennett Realtors Kate Phillips

$499,000 4647 Camden St. 2BD/1.5BA
Open Sun 2-4:30 510-339-4700
Coldwell Banker Claudia Bowman

$520,000 1637 12th Ave. 5bd/2.5ba
Open Sun.1-4 New Chinatown 510-287-5764
Prudential Mayling Trinh

$524,000 425 E. 11th St. #9 2+BD/2BA
Open 12-5 East Lake Lofts 510-547-5970 x55
Lawton Associates Ron Kriss

$529,000 3702 Midvale 2BD/1BA
Open Sun 2-4:30 Laurel 510-338-1352
Pacific Union Residential Diane McCan

$538,000 988 Franklin St. #635 2 BD/2BA
Sun 2-4 510-290-8818
Harbor Bay Realty Jena Ng

$539,000 1093 67th St 4bd/2ba
Open Sun. 2-4 (Condo) 510-292-2024
Red Oak Realty Bob Huff

$539,000 745 45th St 2+bd/1ba
Open Sat/Sun. 2-4 510-395-2226
Prudential Meaza Tesfa

$549,000 2126 41st Avenue 2BD/1.25 BA
Sun 2-4:30 Fruitvale 510-748-1131
Gallagher & Lindsey, Inc. Ms. Sam McDowell

$549,000 3214 Millsview 3BD/1BA
Open Sun 2-4:30 Maxwell Park 510-531-7000 x228
Wells & Bennett Realtors Kate Phillips

$579,000 4608 Fairfax 4BD/1BA
Open Sun 2-4:30 510-339-4700
Coldwell Banker Noni Robinson

$579,000 4908 Fairfax 4BD/1BA
Open Sun 2-4:30 Lower Maxwell 510-339-4700
Coldwell Banker Noni Robinson

$599,000 2440 Wilbur Street 2BD/1BA
Open Sun 2-5 925-366-4544
Intero Real Estate Constance R. Hughart

$599,000 386 50th St. 2BD/1BA
Open Sun 2-4 510-486-1495
Coldwell Banker Nancy Reichert

$599,000 674 -76 66th St DUPLEX
Open Sun. 2-4 North Oakland 510-845-0211
Prudential Nancy Platford

$639,000 1023 Winsor 2bd/2ba
Open Sun. 1-4 Lakeshore 510-845-0211
Prudential Ted Normart

$660,000 1863 Clemens Rd 2bd/2ba
Sun 2-4:30 Oakmore 510-339-9290
Prudential Gina Rogers

$689,000 1 Lakeside 2BD/2BA
Open Sun 1:30-4:30 Lake Merritt 510-339-4700
Coldwell Banker Donna Conroy/Victor Ratto

$689,000 71 Merrie Wood Circle 3BD/2BA
Open Sun 1-4 510-625-8900
Realty World East Bay Lorne Lentz

$699,000 5659 Moraga Ave. 3BD/1BA
Sat & Sun 1-4:30 510-339-4700
Coldwell Banker Donna Conroy

$699,000 919-921 Mandela Pkwy 3bd/1ba
Open Sun. 2-4 (Duplex) 510-280-2177
Red Oak Realty Merritt Levine

$719,000 5808 Morpeth St. 2BD/1.5BA
Sat & Sun 1-4 Rockridge 510-339-4700
Coldwell Banker Julie Joyce/George Karsant

$735,000 3935 Reinhardt Dr. 3+bd/2ba
Sun. 2-4:30 Redwood Heights 510-428-0900
Prudential Brian Santilena

$735,000 9 Moss Ave. 4BD/2BA
Open Sun 2-4:30 510-899-8000
Alain Pinel Realtors S. Arballo/I. Montague

$749,000 2966 Hedge Court 3BD/2BA
Open Sun 2-4:30 Joaquin Miller 510-531-7000 x261
Wells & Bennett Realtors Nicolette Bot

$760,000 6815 Gunn Dr 3bd/2ba
Sun 2- 5 Montclair 510-339-9290
Prudential Allen Garfinkle

$765,000 5732 Colton Blvd. 3BD/2.5BA
Open Sun 2-4:30 Montclair 510-339-4700
Coldwell Banker Terry Kulka

$779,000 4445 Evans Ave. 6BD/3BA
Open Sun 2-4:30 Glenview 510-338-1308
Pacific Union Residential Dick Cohen

$789,000 6706 Mac Arthur 2BD/1BA
Open Sun 2-4:30 510-339-4700
Coldwell Banker Gary Robinson

$815,000 5817 Florence Ter. 3BD/2BA
Open Sun 2-4:30 Montclair 510-339-4700
Coldwell Banker Dian Hymer

$839,900 6339 Castle Drive 3bd/3ba
Sun 2-4:30 Montclair 510-339-9290
Prudential Kathy Florence

Oakland

$865,000 455 Lagunitas Ave 4&3BD
Open Sat & Sun 2-4:30 Duplex
Richardson R.E. Svcs. Geo

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Sun 2-4:30 Redwood Heights
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$1,375,000 1955 Manzanita Dr
Open Sun. 2-5 Montclair
ZipRealty Lin

$1,399,000 175 Villanova Dr.
Open Sun 1:30-4:30
Coldwell Banker

$1,399,000 6940 Charing Cross Rd.
Open Sun. 2-4 Claremont
Maison Nouveau

$1,425,000 2100 Arrowhead
Open Sun 1-4
Coldwell Banker

$1,695,000 1754 Manzanita Dr
Sun 2-5 Montclair Hills
Prudential

Orinda

$1,095,000 35 La Cuesta Rd.
Open Sun 1-4 510-547-1616
Coldwell Banker Jerilynn

Piedmont

$980,000 139 Lake Ave
Open Sun. 1:30-4:30
Prudential

$1,495,000 850 Highland Ave
Sun. 2-4:30 Central Piedmont
Prudential Judith Glass

$1,795,000 501 Scenic Avenue
Open Sun 2-4:30
Keller Williams Realty

$2,285,000 191 Sandringham Road
Open Sun 2-4:30
The Grubb Co.

Pinole

$508,000 424 Dohrmann
Open Sun. 1-4
Coldwell Banker

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$460,000 2614 Beach Head Way
Open Sun 2-4:30
Coldwell Banker

$479,000 2900 McBryde
Open Sat/Sun. 1-4 No/East
C21 Bay Realtor Group

$499,900 3828 Clinton Ave
Sun 1-4pm
Coldwell Banker Bartels

$500,000 1314 Carlson Blvd
Open Sun. 1-4 Annex
C21 Bay Realtor Group

$639,000 1502 Fox Glove Pl
Sun 2-4pm
Coldwell Banker Bartels

$651,950 1123 Eaglewood Ct.
Open Sun 2-4:30
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$683,000 1015 Red Hawk Ct
Open Sun 2-4
Coldwell Banker Bartels

$685,000 68 Sandpoint Dr
Open Sun. 2-4
Red Oak Realty

$699,800 3973 Selmi Grove
Sun 2-4pm
Coldwell Banker Bartels

$799,777 3699 Park Ridge Dr
Sun 2-4pm
Coldwell Banker Bartels

$959,900 885 Meadow View
Open Sun. 2-4
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San Leandro

$749,000 1218 Sandelin Ave
Sun 2-4:30
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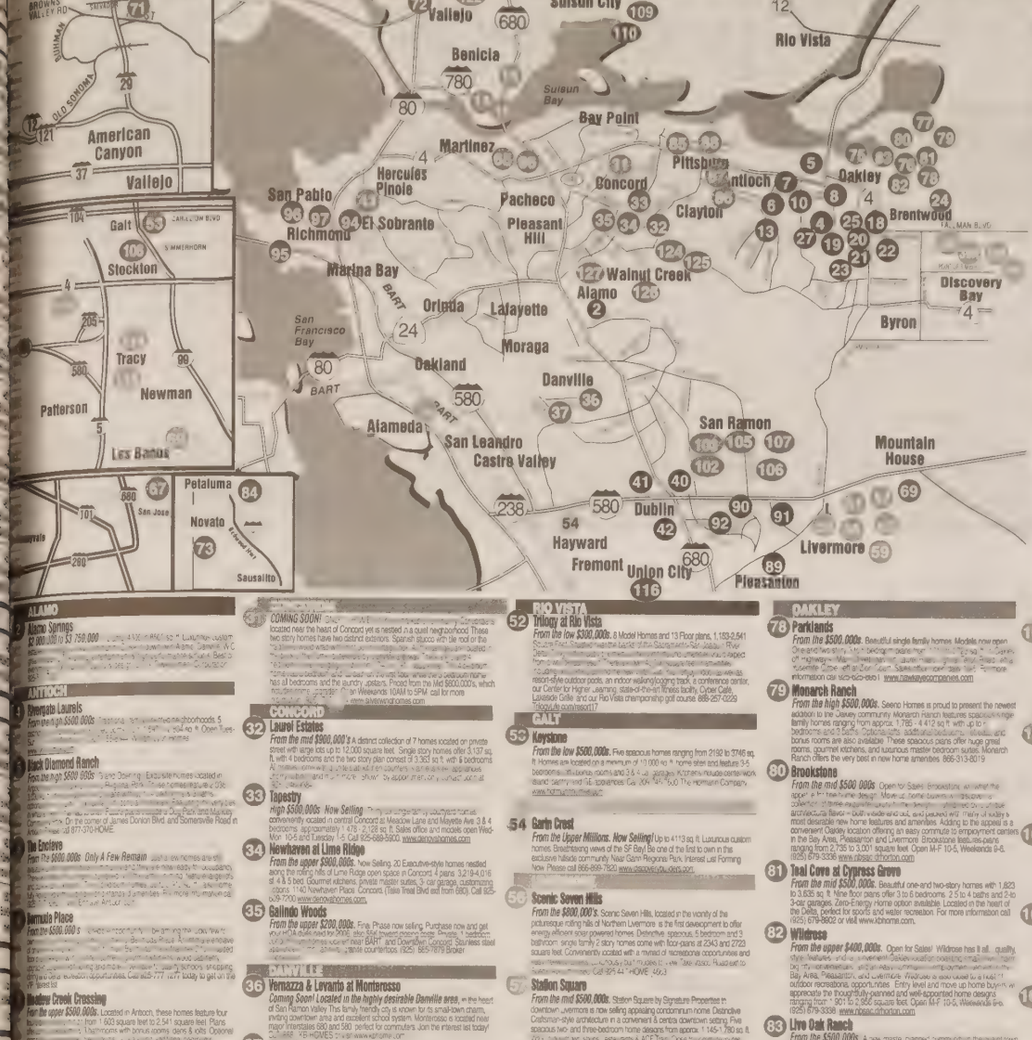
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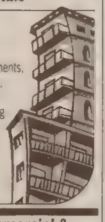
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ANTIOCH rm., $550 + utils. & $500 dep. No pets 925-757-1304

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CONCORD: 1BD w/Pvt. BA. Cable incl. +½util. $625 925-689-7099

CONCORD 1 Room $470 includ utilities, No smoking, 925-676-4420

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CONCORD - 2 rooms, $450ea., close to Bart/ Fwy. 925-726-5393

CONCORD: 2 rooms. $550 each. Nosmkg. No pets. 925-212-5348

CONCORD: $500/mo. + $400 dep. Btwn. Hwy. 4 & 242. 925-708-4541

CONCORD $550 Only. no pets, **smkfree**, walk to BART. 925-202-5808.

ORINDA newly refurn. lg. bd/ba, Pvt. entry/ porch, limited kit. use Views. Util./ TV/ DSL Inc $875 925.366.7471

Rooms for Rent

CONCORD BEAUT. condo renting Mstrbd w/ba. Renting other bd, share ba w/ owner. Shared utils. $775 master, $600 other. 510-589-8662 rosey

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CONCORD: Quiet home very clean $600mo incl. util. 925-682-5354

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HERCULES: lndry. & kit. incl. big room. pets ok $500. 209-613-3035 cell

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LIVERMORE Southside, rent nego + utils. Quiet nbrhd. 503-201-8312

MARTINEZ 3bd 2ba, nr. P.H., lndry. & kit. privs. $525 + 1/3 utils. & dep. 510-415-6811

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ORINDA 2 Bd's w/hdwd floors, yrd, pool. $750 & $800. 925-528-9560

PITTSBURG, 2 Rms. Gd loc. Nr freeway/shops $700 ea. 925-439-8295

Rooms for Rent

PITTSBURG $640, no dep., pvt. ba, 3bd hm. nr. Bart 925-709-9093

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PLEASANT HILL, Nice hm. All priv. $550+1/3 utils. 925-323-9395

PLEASANTON Lg. 2 rm., pvt. bath, kitchen & entry, W/D, utils. incl. $850. 925-202-9243.

RICHMOND $600 Pvt. Bath, Lndry, cbl, utils inc. Bart. 510-970-7919

SAN PABLO-Quiet, LG. RM. Incl. Utils. Cbl. $435 510-717-4861

SAN RAMON Mstr. BD. Pvt. BA. Gd cred. $700 + dep. 925-765-4155

SAN RAMON: Quiet rm. $580. Util. incld + dep., kit. priv. 925-828-2954

VALLEJO, lg. furn. rm., in Beaut. hme. All Priv $600.707-648-8084

WALNUT CREEK 1bd, share ba, fem. no smk $550. 925-274-9449

WALNUT CREEK 2 Rms, Nice home. $535+ 415-826 3900/415-200-7095

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Shared Housing

ALAMO CONDO Low rent exchange light duty, male pref. Eves. 925-735-7545.

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Shared Housing

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CONCORD Clay. Valley share 2bd/2ba condo w/d $575. 925-890-9277

DANVILLE Lg! Quiet hm nr Blkhawk Theater pool. Nonsmk. $750 + 1/3 util. 925-736-7846

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DISCOVERY Bay- Mstr Bd, ba, Nosmk, ½ util. $700 415-947-0446

LAFAYETTE Elegant Hill top hm $750. Incl. utils DSL,cable925.933-4422

LAFAYETTE Walk to shops/Bart $680 util inc No pet/smk. Male pref. 925-330-6835

MARTINEZ: Fem. rm. w/view, pvt. ba., $700 + ½ util 925-228-4887

PINOLE: Lg. hm. $895 Mature, quiet/resp. No drugs.510-334-5751

PLEASANT Hill 3ba 2ba home. fem. pref. $600 +util. 925-969-9573

SAN PABLO quiet 1bd w/ba, M.H. W/D. $450 utils incl. 510-724-8409

SAN RAMON, 1 bd avail in house to share w/ 2 adults & 1 child. Pool spa. $750 925.866.6176

SAN RAMON: Nice Mstr suite, quiet, nonsmkg. $850+dep 925.766.6169

WALNUT CREEK: $650+ 1/3utils. Gd. nbrhd. *Pool* 925-705-1983

Studios & Lofts

ANTIOCH $650 conv loc wtr., garb., elec. & gas incl, prkg 415-409-4500

Vacation Rentals

LAKE Tahoe So. condo, forest edge, 2 mi. to clubs. 925-945-6186

Vacation Rentals

NORTH TAHOE 3bd/2ba, frplc. Xmas, New yr. 707-426-9801

Alameda Apartments

1BD/1BA $875 Newer crpt., fresh pnt., pkg, lndry. Nr. Bus/ Park/ Beach. 510-769-9385

1BD/1BA In 4 unit Hm. W/D with unit. $885. Call 415-788-1334 ext 5

1BD/1BA Sect. 8 OK. No pets. $1000 + $400 dep. 209-601-1153

1BD $850/ 2BD $1100 Cent. loc. QUIET/ prkng/No pet. Tom 510-865-3605

1BD Gar. New cpt./pnt. Lots of stor. No pets. Yd. $900. 510-521-1167

2BD/1BA MOVE IN BONUS $1125 Clean, New paint Near Park St., shop/trans. **CAT OK. 510-865-9726**

Alamo Apartments

STUDIO Apt view, kit/ frplc., $795+PGE. 925-820-3593 Nosmk/pets

Antioch Apartments

1BD/1BA 205 W. 5th St. Section 8 ok. $800+dep 925-803-1657/381-2943

1BD House, 606 W. 13th a/c, fridge, sm pet ok w/d, $900 925.757.7371

2BD/1BA, AC, W/D in big apt., gd. credit req. No sec. 8 or pets, $875. 650-341-4864

2BD/1BA CLEAN! Close to schls/shops. $950+ dep. 925-207-4888

$650 1/2 off First MO Studio very nice. Incl. gas. No pets. 925-756-2019

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Bay Point Apartments

1BD, 2BD & Studios. Close to Bart. Ask for special. Se Habla Espanol 925-709-1507

1BD + den. 118 Crivello Pets OK. $900 + $500 sec. dep. 925-519-1920

Berkeley Apartments

$825 Studio Apartment, hard wood floors, coin laundry. 5 blocks to UC campus. CastleRockRealty.com broker.

Brentwood Apartments

3BD/1BA, Dwntwn. $1350+dep. No smk No pets! 408-210-4062

Concord Apartments

1BD & 2BD $750 & $775 + Dep. No Pets 925-691-7979

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2BD/1BA $1000, Newly remod. Nr Bart, shops, fwy. quiet.925-324-2858

2BD/1BA $1100 Wtr. & garb pd. Nr transp. 1495 Bassett Ave. 415-564-1380

2BD/1ba, 2560 #C Camara Cir. $850. 650-291-8398

2BD/1BA $950+util. Bkyd 1906 Queens Rd 925.437.8796

2BD/1BA, all New inside. 1866 Robin Ln. Sec. 8 ok. $1100. 925-286-4400

2BD/1BA, lg., cpts., drps., AEK, A/C, wtr/ garb. pd., no sect 8/ pet $925 925-825-8472

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Martinez Apartments

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...FORDABLE, like new ...2 bd, AEK, w/sec. ...$895+ 925.370.2000

...0, clean quiet, ...ry., no pets $600+ ...1-866-693 4285

...0, water view, ...in unit. $775 utils. ...925-381 0689

Oakland Apartments

...1BA, $875 + dep. ...st. pkng., heart of Montclair. Nr. shops & transp. 510-352-3044

...Dimond District, ...ce. loc. visit web ...mrealty com ...PM. 510.530 1007

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Oakland Apartments

SPACIOUS. Beaut. 2BD/2BA. w/lg balc. Encl. prkng. Close to Pied. $1390 Manager. 510-601-8614

Piedmont Apartments

2BD/2BA lg. AEK, unlt. Grt. nbrhd/ park. No sect. 8. No pets. $1095 + dep. 510-741-8025

Pittsburg Apartments

2BD/1BA 430 E. 9th St. $795 & 1bd $695.33 Jefferson. 925-698-6792

2BD $895 & 1 BD $695 Pvt yd. 925-935-5200

Pleasant Hill Apartments

1 & 2BD from $895 new cpt & tile 1400 Contra Costa Bl. 925-687-5632

1BD/1BA Lg. quiet, clean, pool, Indry. balc., remod. kit. No pets. 925-949-7606

Pleasanton Apartments

2BD/1ba & 2bd/1½ba, $1200+ desirable area no pet 510-776-2341

Point Richmond Apartments

1BD: New tile flrs in kit/ba New cpt., refrig & stove. 510-236-6716

Richmond Apartments

1BD. Avail 12/21. Prv Gar. Full Kitch. 1111 Chanslor Ave. $839 + $700 dep. 510-375-1546

2BD/1BA., $900; 3BD/2BA, $1350 gar., sec 8 ok. 510-508-8582

2BD/1BA gar., Nr Bart immac, Indry, Sec 8 ok $950 800-530-6941

2BD/1BA Near Transp. water/garb paid. $860 dep. neg. 510-236-4254

2BD/1BA New carpet. Fully remodeled. $950/mo. 415-724-4647

2BD/1BA Remod. Carport. Lndry. rm. Sec. 8 ok. $875. 510-234-0512

2BD/1BA Spac w/w cpt sec. doors. 418 3rd St. $850 Deb 510-223-7682

2BD, gar., like new, Nr. trans. $875mo. Indry. Sec. 8 ok. 510-459-6744

2BD in duplex. gar., alarm, sect. 8 ok, $1235. 510-724-0571

3BD/2BA, 2car gar., W/D hkup., $1200, dep nego. 510-719-0700

3BD/2BA, Cpts., drps., Tile & marble baths, pvt. patio. No pet/sec 8 $1395. 925-825-8472.

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3BD/2BA $999
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STUDIO: 2031A Nevin, fresh pnt., new cpt. wtr/garb. pd. $550 510-236-8366

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San Pablo Apartments

1BD 55+ COMMUNITY, $850/mo + $1700 dep., Nonsmk/no pets, Must qualify. 9am-4pm Mon-Fri. 510-724-5480

1BD $900+, 2BD $1100+ 2BD T.H. w/gar. $1275; 3BD $1400 510-593-3588

1BD LG. $800/$500dep. 2BD $950/$600 dep. 1412 Mission Ave. 510-412-2142;918-6193

2BD/1ba Newly remod, Nr Town Center & I-80 $925mo. 510-776-8488

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Vallejo Apartments

1BD/1BA $850+dep. Gd area. Lndry/Wtr/garb Sec 8ok 510-815-2167

Walnut Creek Apartments

1BD/2BD/1½ ba + den $895-$1395,1400 Creekside. pool 925-939-6416

1BD & 2bd $850 & $1000 + dep. no pets. 925-672-1045 : 381-9344

1BD Furn. studio. Nice, utils. pd. No smkg. No pets $650 925.935.5043

2BD/1BA, $1125 remod. frpl. exerc. rm. patios no pets 925-934-1536

2BD/1ba, Indry., tri plex, no pets $1080. 925-228-1681

2BD nr Bart/Bus line, patio/pool, AC, $1045. 925-933-6324

Antioch Condos & Townhouses

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2BD/2BA HILLCREST Condo. Remod. $1300 mo + dep. Or w/ opt. to buy 209-345-3547

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2BD/2BA $1250mo. Avail now. Call Christina, 925-766-9735.

Concord Condos & Townhouses

2BD/1BA Lndry. wtr./garb pd. Nonsmk/pet $1050. 925-458-1698

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2BD/1½ba, 2 car gar., W/D in unit, wtr./garb pd. $1450 510-233-2335

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2BD/2BA Top Flr. Pool/ spa. Hrdwd flrs. Frplc. Stainless appls. Patio. $1395mo. 415-297-0214

Livermore Condos & Townhouses

2BD/2ba, AEK, W/D, 2 car, A/C, pool, near dwntwn. $1500+dep 925-321-4646

Martinez Condos & Townhouses

2BD/1ba, No sec 8/pet. $1095+dep View, patio, Indry, gar. 925.228-3542

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Oakland Condos & Townhouses

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2BD/2BA, T.H., end unit, pool, patio, $1500. 510-222-4591

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Pleasant Hill Condos & Townhouses

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Pleasanton Condos & Townhouses

2BD/1BA condo. $1350. For more info & to view, 209-830-0930

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Pleasanton Condos & Townhouses

3BD/2½ba, 2 car gar., A/C. W/D, refrig., frplc., nonsmkng./pet $1800. 925-846-7987

LIKE New, walk to dntwn, 2bd/2ba, $1495. 925-426-0771

Richmond Condos & Townhouses

RICHMOND 3bd,1.5ba TH w/yard. 3 blks to BART & Shops 1450.00 510-517-7211

San Ramon Condos & Townhouses

1BD/1ba, view, pool, avail. 1/1, Alcosta Bl. $1150. 925-323-6636

3BD/2.5ba, sharp, frplc 2 gar, yd., no smk/pet $1995. 925-820-9086

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Walnut Creek Condos & Townhouses

2BD/1½BA, Downtown. All new, A/C. No pets. $1200. 925-570-0089

2BD/1BA, nonsmkg. No pets. AC, pool, nr. Bart $1150. 925-930-9682

3BD/2½BA 1750sf. Nr Bart/shops Low maint $1900 925-899-4935

3BD/2 Full Bath. Newly remod. Near shops & park. Excel. schl. dist. $1700. 925-305-7711.

WALNUT Creek 2/2, 12 mo. lease., $1550, 1st/last/dep., utilities free, 860-349-9297

Alamo Homes

4BD/2½ba, Westside, avail. immed., sgl. story, short term ok $3000 agt 925.837.7111

Antioch Homes

$1600 MO. NICE!
4BD/2½BA, Mandarin Wy. Move-In Ready, Sec. 8 ok. 925-473-0352

1BD/1BA New cpt/pnt Nice. Dwntwn. Bkyd $830. 925-240-0920

3BD/1BA & 2BD/2BA to retired couples willing to do p/t caretaking. Lisa 925- 429-1797.

3BD/2BA $1450mo. Big yd. New cpt/paint, 2 car gar. 925-518-8754

3BD/2BA 2 car. gar. Excel. cond. $1400+ $800dep. 925-756-6667

3BD/2BA Nice. Heat/AC Bkyd. Near downtown $1450. 925-240-0920

3BD/2BA plush, new kit/cpt/pnt/gar/more Agt $1595 925.285.3858

3BD, 2 car gar., nr. fwy. & shops, $1195 + sec. 925-432-8656: 382-6184

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4BD/3BA, $2200.
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4BD/3BA + bonus rm., New Indscp. No sec. 8 $2025. 866-837-8283

5BD/3BA Rent negotiable. Nr schools, BART, transp. 925-207-4888

Antioch Homes

5BD/3BA Nice nbrhd. Nr. schls. & theater. Refrig., W/D, gardnr. Incl. No sec. 8. No pets $2200 + dep. Avail. 2/1/06. 925-323-6772

ANTIOCH 4bd,2.5ba,5120 Hereford ct$1,850.00,more info 510 468-2805

ANTIOCH: 5bd/3ba, Custom paint, Laminate floors, Pets neg. Sect 8 ok. Rent $2300/mo. Dep $2000. call Tracy 925-584-1967

BRAND new 4bd 2½ba, + bonus, 2323sf, grdnr $2250. 925-828-0718

CHARMING 3bd 2ba, gd loc., AEK. No smkg. 2 car $1595 510.303.2700

Bay Point Homes

1BD Cottages, Nice. Nr. Bart. 88 Madison ave. sect 8 ok. 925.565.8266

3BD/1½BA. Avail. now! Lg. bkyd. Sec. 8 ok. $1100 925-686-2777

4BD/2½BA Commuters delite. Bart. Nice yrd. $1925.925-325-9565

Bethel Island Homes

BETHEL Island Lease/Own 3bd/2ba 1+acres 7255 Piper $2100 925-382-4680

LARGE 2bd/1ba + Boat dock. No smkng/pets. $1250mo. 650-868-1570

Brentwood Homes

2BD/2BA, Sommerset, 55+, $1275mo. Call Christina Rodriguez 925-766-9735.

2BD/2BA Summerset 4 55+ $1400, Incls. dues & grdng. 925-286-3287

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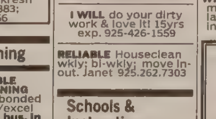
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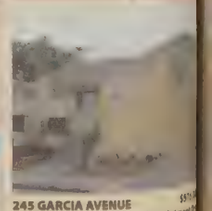


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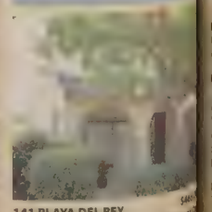


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Around the horn

Parity in BSAL girls soccer

■ Entering this week's action, there was a rare five-way tie in the Bay Shore Athletic League girls soccer standings after four games. What's more amazing was that all of the teams involved in the tie had winning league records and seven of the 10 league teams had winning marks entering this week. The teams involved in the third-place tie were Albany, St. Joseph Notre Dame, St. Mary's, St. Patrick-St. Vincent and Salesian. All those squads had 2-1-1 BSAL marks entering this week. Piedmont led the league with a 4-0 record, and Berean Christian was second with a 3-0-1 league mark.

–Phil Jensen

Tournament champs

■ The Piedmont High School boys basketball team recovered from an 11-point home loss by winning the Redwood Empire Invitational tournament championship in Healdsburg last weekend. The Highlanders beat Ukiah 65-45 in the championship game on Saturday and raised their record to 4-1. Piedmont scored 14 of the quarter's first 20 points and did not let up. "We played fast and eventually won out," Piedmont coach Chris Lavdiotis said. "They couldn't stay with us." Doug Jordan was named the tournament's MVP. He scored 22 points to lead Piedmont. Brian Hemano (eight points, five assists) and Stanton Quan (six points, five rebounds) also were named to the all-tournament team. "The kids were all focused and contributed," Lavdiotis said. Jordan combined for 55 points in the three games. Piedmont also beat Redwood-Larkspur 78-64 and Middletown 51-45.

– Dave Carpenter

Calling former soccer players

■ The Alameda High School boys soccer is looking for former boys soccer players to participate in the its Alumni game at 6 p.m. on Dec. 30 at Thompson Field. Interested players are asked to show up on game day prior to the game to participate

–Robert Jordan

On Deck

■ **Boys basketball**, St. Mary's vs. Berkeley at Haas Pavilion, Cal, Thursday at 5 p.m. — The battle between Berkeley's two high schools is one of the games in the Salesian-Pinole Valley Holiday Classic, which is being held at Haas Pavilion on Thursday.

■ **Boys basketball**, El Cerrito at Salesian, Tuesday at 7 p.m. — The Gauchos travel to face a tough opponent in the Chieftains.

■ **Girls soccer, Tri-Valley Classic**, Wednesday-Friday, TBA — The 36-team tournament features four different brackets, Invitabonal, Gold and Maroon. Bishop O'Dowd will play in the Invitational bracket and opens against Murrieta Valley at 2 p.m. at Las Lomas. Berkeley is in the Gold Division and opens against Amador Valley at 3 p.m. at Campolindo. Alameda and St. Mary's are both in the Maroon Division. The Panthers open against Alhambra at 8 a.m. at Las Lomas. The Gold opens against Miramonte at 8 a.m. at Miramonte. Both Gold and Maroon title games are at Las Lomas on Friday, beginning at 3 p.m. The Invitational title game is also Friday with a time and place to be announced. For a complete bracket visit trivalleyclassic.com.

■ **Boys soccer, Winter Soccer Classic**, Monday-Friday, TBA — The 16-team tournament features two different brackets with Alameda, Encinal, Piedmont and St. Mary's all participating. Encinal opens against James Logan at 3:30 p.m. on Monday at California. Piedmont opens against Healdsburg at 3:30 p.m. on Monday at San Ramon Valley. Alameda plays Monte Vista in its opener at 3:30 p.m. at Acalanes on Monday. For a complete brackets visit winterclassic50webs.com.

Stars of the week

■ **Jessie Guerrero, Berkeley boys soccer** — Guerrero had two goals in a 3-0 victory over Hercules, and a goal and an assist in a 5-1 win over Granada.

■ **Shonetta Crain-Williams, El Cerrito girls basketball** — Crain-Williams scored a team-high 12 points in a 40-39 loss to Lynwood, then had 17 points in a 63-53 victory over Lincoln-Texas.

■ **Rebecca Pickus, Albany girls soccer** — Pickus had four goals and an assist in the Panthers' 6-0 win over Holy Names.

■ **Terrence Ransom, Skyline boys basketball** — The Titans' first-year coach left Friday's Amador Basketball Classic semifinal with Amador Valley after experiencing chest pains. After being diagnosed with a pulled muscle in the chest, Ransom returned to the bench the next night, exhorting his team to victory.

■ **Doug Jordan, Piedmont boys basketball** — The power forward was named MVP of the Redwood Empire Invitational tournament in Healdsburg. Jordan combined for 55 points over the three games, including 22 in a 66-45 blowout victory over Ukiah in the championship game.

■ **Miranda White, Piedmont girls soccer** — The sophomore scored four goals and added two assists in an 8-0 shutout over John Swett.

■ **Elise Siewald, St. Joseph girls soccer** — Siewald scored the lone goal in the second half to break a 1-1 tie and help the Pilots beat host St. Patrick-St. Vincent 2-1 on Dec. 9.

■ **Carlos Macias, Encinal boys soccer** — Macias scored the game-winning goal off an assist from Jovanni Baires in the 78th minute to help the Jets open ACCAL play with a 2-1 win on Dec. 6 over De Anza, last season's North Coast Section 2A East Bay runner-up.

Williams' concerns answered

El Cerrito goes 2-1 against tough competition to open the basketball season

By Phil Jensen
STAFF WRITER

El Cerrito High School girls basketball coach Ron Williams had some questions about his team entering its opening game last week against visiting Windsor

"I was concerned that we didn't get the scrimmage time we needed. I was wondering how they would respond," Williams said.

The Gauchos easily defeated the Jaguars by 22 points, then split a pair of games against well-respected teams last week to start the season with a 2-1 record.

Two of those games were in the Have Game Will Travel Shootout at Contra Costa College. In their final game of that shootout, the Gauchos defeated Lincoln-Texas 63-53 on Saturday.

GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL ROUNDUP

After holding a slim 18-14 lead in the first quarter, the Gauchos took a 35-20 halftime lead. El Cerrito's Myleka Emerson scored 10 of her game-high 30 points in the second quarter.

"I think the second quarter was when they kind of realized that they could play with (Lincoln)," said Williams about his team. Shonetta Crain-Williams joined Emerson in double-digit scoring with 17 points in the game.

Lincoln, which fell to 2-7 with the loss, outscored El Cerrito 33-28 in the second half, but the Gauchos held on for the win.

"They are probably the best 2-7 team you never want to play. When they are on, they're on," Williams said. "They have a pretty tough schedule."

On Dec. 8, the Gauchos were edged by Lynwood 40-39.

"I can't figure out for the life of me with all the turnovers we had against Lynwood, how we were in the game," Williams said. "You can't deny they were able to put together something and stay in contention against Lynwood."

Williams was impressed with the defense of junior Shameika Davis.

"Against Lynwood she had nine points but she probably created 13 turnovers. She created situations where her teammates got steals," Williams said.

Lynwood 40, El Cerrito 39: Williams runs his practice without a set starting five. Against the Knights, the move paid off.

With All-Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League guard Emerson saddled with foul trouble the entire game, El Cerrito came within a bucket of upsetting Lynwood during the first day of the Have Game Will Travel Shootout at Contra Costa College.

The Knights (1-0), ranked No. 41 in the country in Student Sports' Fab 50 preseason poll, needed two free throws from Jazmine Matthews with 9.7 seconds left in the game to beat the Gauchos.

"In practice we don't have a set starting five," Williams said. "I talked to the girls and prepared them for situations when we don't have Myleka or Shonetta (Crain-Williams)."

Lynwood, two years removed from back-to-back state Division I titles, led by as many as 11 points. But behind Davis and Ashley Rollins, the Gauchos rallied to tie the score at 28-28 in the second half. Davis scored all nine of her points in the second half to help the Gauchos to a 33-29 lead late in the game.

El Cerrito had a chance to win, but Emerson's running floater in the lane with under nine seconds left in the game bounced off the rim.

Castlemont 65, St. Mary's 50: The game was tied at 26 at halftime, but the host Knights (3-2) outscored the Panthers 20-13 in the third quarter

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DEAN COPPOLA/STAFF

BERKELEY HIGH'S Brian Guinn, center, tries to get past two Washington-San Francisco defenders during their game.

Berkeley off to tough start

Yellow Jackets finish fourth in their own tournament after starting season with a victory

By Phil Jensen
STAFF WRITER

The Berkeley High School boys basketball team had a tough start to their season, as they were 1-2 at the Berkeley Classic last week.

Berkeley started their season with a 70-63 overtime victory against Washington-San Francisco on Dec. 8. But the Yellow Jackets fell to Campolindo 70-58 in Friday's semifinal and lost the third-place game 76-67 to Foothill on Saturday.

Duane Bagsby paced the Yellow Jackets in the latter two games. He had 21 points against Campolindo and 25 points against Foothill.

Berkeley held a 36-32 lead at halftime against Campolindo, but the Cougars outscored the Yellow Jackets 25-10 in the third quarter. On Saturday's game Foothill led 37-30 at halftime on the way to its win.

Branson-Ross won the Berkeley Classic championship game 48-46 over Campolindo.

BOYS HIGH SCHOOL ROUNDUP

Albany 71, Encinal 60: Eric Roberson led five Cougars in double figures with 21 points as the host Cougars (3-3 at press time) outscored the Jets 22-12 in the third quarter. Kevin Karera had a double-double with 18 points and 12 rebounds for Albany.

Oakland 79, Albany 62: The host Wildcats outscored the Cougars 26-13 in the third quarter to take command on Dec. 7. Bryan Ma paced Albany with 14 points.

Dublin 54, El Cerrito 38: The Gauchos fell behind 22-12 in the first quarter and never recovered in the third-place game of the Red Brown Tournament at Sir Francis Drake High School on Saturday. Darnell Quinney paced the Gauchos with 14 points.

El Cerrito 45, Alhambra 39. The Gauchos opened the Red Brown Tournament with an impressive defensive effort against the Bulldogs. Greg Brizondine led the Gauchos in scoring with 12 points.

St. Mary's 64, Brophy-Arizona 45: The Panthers outscored their opponents in the last three quarters to take command in the opening round of the Father Barry Classic in Carmichael on Dec. 8. St. Mary's trailed 12-11 after one quarter, but by the third quarter had a 46-29 lead. Will Brew scored a game-high 25 points for the Panthers.

SOCCER

El Cerrito 2, Encinal 2: The visiting Gauchos earned the tie by coming back from a 2-0 second-half deficit on Tuesday.

The Jets (4-0-2, 1-0-1 Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League at press time) took a 2-0 lead at the 41-minute mark. But goals from El Cerrito's Maynor Garcia at the 44-minute mark and Robert Duffala at 62-minutes tied the game. The Gauchos improved to 0-4-3 overall and 0-1-1 in ACCAL play.

Albany 4, St. Elizabeth 0: The visiting Cougars (4-1-2, 3-0-1 Bay Shore Athletic League at press time) received two goals from Chris Lewis in their shutout win Friday. Juan Diego Duran and Tyler Zupan scored the Cougars' other goals.

St. Mary's 7, Berean Christian 0: The visiting Panthers breezed in this BSAL win on Friday, as they took a 5-0 halftime lead and seven different St.

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MIKE GALE
Recreation

Preparations for the cold outdoors

By Mike Gale
STAFF WRITER

COLD WEATHER isn't going to keep the outdoor enthusiasts indoors. There are still plenty of things to do outside. But with the weather getting chilly, there are several precautions one must take.

The principle of dressing in layers is a time-tested technique that is practical and easy when dressing for the outdoors. Use a number of light layers of clothing rather than a few layers of thick material. This maximizes the insulating ability of your clothes by trapping air between the layers as well as within the fabric. As your temperature rises and falls due to changes in conditions and activity, the layers can he added or taken off.

Wearing several layers of varying weight and fabric allows you to maintain an optimum microclimate during periods of physical exertion, as well as during times of inactivity. You can fine-tune this microclimate by shedding layers before you get too hot or by adding layers before you start cooling down.

Inner-layer clothing is the most critical as it is worn right next to your skin. Its job is to keep you comfortable by taking the sweat from your skin and dispersing it to the next layer where it can evaporate. A wet garment against your skin can draw heat away from your body 25 times faster than a dry one. Even in conditions above freezing, this rapid heat loss can cause a dangerous drop in your body's core temperature, leading to hypothermia.

Mid-layer clothing consists of the items you use every day such as shorts, T-shirts, lightweight pants and long-sleeve shirts. The primary function of mid-layer clothing is to provide basic insulation and protection in warm conditions. Mid-layer items often are worn alone on short trips in good weather conditions. The pieces you choose should be comfortable, lightweight and durable.

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BOWLING RESULTS

Amateur Bowlers Tour

Holiday Bowl (Nov. 25-27): 1. Jun Santos, Vallejo, 216, $1,500; 2. George Bocobo, Felton, 1,050, $750; Thomas Bartlett, Alameda, 741, $500; Ric Masangcay, Vallejo, 628, $350; Dave Gomez, Hercules, 431, $200; Anthony McCoy, Pittsburg, 421, $200; Gino Susim, Pittsburg, 178, $150; Joel Munoz, Hercules, 564, $105; Lou Cabillo, Albany, 553, $100; Steve Glaser, Pleasanton, 549, $100; Jim Vincent, Livermore, 522, $78; Chester Henderson, Vallejo, 492, $70.

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BASEBALL

■ **EBBA Powerhouse** — Tryouts for Pinole-based team, ages 9-10, Dec. 31, 11 a.m., at Fernandez Park in Pinole. 510-691-2049 or e-mail darrellardjr@yahoo.com.

BASKETBALL

■ **Junior Warriors** — Online registration for upbeat, non-competitive basketball program, grades K-3, at ci.alameda.ca.us/arpd. Location at Alameda Point Gym, 1101 W. Redline Ave. Registration deadline is Dec. 16. 510-747-7529.

SOFTBALL

■ **Alameda Girls Softball Association** — Online registration for Spring season, ages 5-14, through Jan. 31 at alamedagsa.com.$105 for 6U; $125 for ages 7-14. Late fee after Jan. 15. 510-287-9465.

■ **Pinole Valley Spring Break JV Tournament** — Registration for teams for April tournament at Pinole Valley High School, Pinole. Third annual tournament offers three-game guarantee for junior varsity-aged teams. $325 per team. Jon Cyr, 510-741-9663, cell, 510-697-2561 or e-mail coachjon510@aol.com.

■ **Oakland Softball** — Seeking adult volunteers to coach teams. 510-339-7268 or visit ogsl.org.

■ **Albany/Berkeley Girls Softball League** — Seeking girls, grades 1-9, for season running March-June. Early registration ends Dec. 31 and closes Feb. 1. Visit abgsl.org. 510-869-4277 or e-mail, registrar@abgsl.org.

■ **Lady Wolfpack** — Tryouts for 16U and 18U teams at Stanley Field in Hayward on date and time to be determined. 510-317-1710 or e-mail lwpforever@aol.com.

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■ **Wilson Prep** — Seeking varsity and junior varsity football assistant coaches; and head junior varsity football coach for Oakland school. Osibisa, 415-652-7726, or e-mail, osibisa.roseby@aspirepublicschools.org .

■ **Northgate High School** — Seeking candidates for following coaching vacancies: head junior varsity baseball; head junior varsity softball; track assistant (sprints, relays, jumps); head boys junior varsity volleyball. Bob Johnson, 925-938-0900, Ext. 3520.

■ **Mid County Officials Network** — Seeking umpires for fastpitch softball and baseball leagues for 2006 season. Training begins in late January. $40-$65 per game. 510-301-2928.

■ **O'Hara Park Middle School** — Coaching vacancy for 6th grade boys basketball season. Mike Jennett, 925-625-5060.

■ **Berean Christian High School** — Vacancies at following coaching positions: head and assistants for junior varsity baseball; and assistant football coaches. Coaches must be in agreement with school's statement of faith. Craig Lee, 925-945-6464 Ext. 25 or e-mail clee@berean-eagles.org.

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■ **East County Umpires Association** — Orientation meeting for 2006 season, Dec. 21, 7-9 p.m., Round Table Pizza, 3070 Main St. Oakley. Informational meeting on becoming a certified umpire. 925-766-1183 or e-mail mayer.g@sbcglobal.net.

■ **Acalanes High School** — Vacancy for varsity boys tennis coach. Randy Takahashi, 925-935-2600, Ext. 217.

■ **Pinole Seals Swim Club** — Head coaching vacancy for swim team, ages 4-18 for 2006 season. For more information, 510-741-7980 or e-mail sealsboard@pinoleseals.org.

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■ **Clayton Valley High School** — Accepting applications for these head coaching vacancies: boys and girls varsity track; girls varsity lacrosse, boys junior varsity tennis; junior varsity softball; girls varsity golf; boys and girls varsity cross country; boys varsity water polo; girls junior varsity tennis. Pat Middendorf 925-682-7474 Ext. 4728, pm258@aol.com.

■ **Vista Diablo Swim Team** — Seeking head and assistant coaches for 2006 season, swimmers are 4 years and older. Send resume to 893 St. John Circle, Concord, Ca., 94518. Marian, 925-685-7722 or e-mail, qenosheba@aol.com.

■ **California High School** — Coaching vacancies for following head coaching positions: boys and girls varsity and junior varsity tennis; girls junior varsity lacrosse; freshman softball. Fred Albano, 925-803-7412 or e-mail falbano@calhigh.net.



Girls

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on the way to the win on Saturday. Cristina Thomas paced St. Mary's with 16 points.

SOCCER

Alameda 1, Berkeley 1: Sarah Finney helped the visiting Yellow Jackets avoid a loss Tuesday when she scored at the 72-minute mark. Both of the game's goals were in the second half. Berkeley fell to 2-1-1 overall and 1-0-1 in ACCAL play with the loss. It is only the fourth time in the last five seasons that the Yellow Jackets have not won an ACCAL game. They have a record of 54-1-3 in that stretch.

Monte Vista 4, Berkeley 0: The host Mustangs (1-1) scored three goals in the second half to pull away from the Yellow Jackets on Saturday. Laura Dale had eight saves for Berkeley.

Albany 6, Holy Names 0: The host Cougars (3-3-1, 2-1-1 BSAL at press time) received and an assist fr... Pickus in the BSA... Megan Moss scored two goals for Alber... 4-0 at halftime.

Berean Christian 5, 0: The Eagles (3-... handed the host E... first BSAL loss of the ... day. St. Mary's fe... all and 2-1-1 in BSA...

Staff writer Robert K... tributed to this round...

Boys

FROM PAGE 1

Mary's players scored in the game. Rob Riccardi had a goal and two assists. Jordan Marvin added a goal and an assist for St. Mary's (2-2 BSAL at press time).

Berkeley 5, Granada 1: The visiting Yellow Jackets received two goals and an assist from Eric Strauss in the nonleague win Friday. Berkeley broke open a 1-1 game with four second-half goals.

Berkeley 3, Hercules 0: The Yellow Jackets opened ACCAL play on Dec. 8 with a shutout at home. Jessie Guer... two goals, and Jose... had Berkeley's ... **Richmond 8, El Cer...** host Gauchos fel... the first 11 minutes o... CAL opener on Dec. ... Munguia had four ... Cerrito.

Gale

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"ION FLUX": This good-looking, empty-headed, empty-hearted sci-fi ure takes us 400 years in the future, where a depopulated Earth is duced to living in one big city. A Hellman" runs the show, and ls are trying to kill him, with n (Charlize Theron) the ace assin. Teamed up with Sithandra obhie Okonedo), Aeon must penate the leader's offices and take down. — R. Moore. (PG-13: seress of violence, sexual con- 4) 1 hour, 26 minutes. **C**

"ARISTOCRATS": A documentary about the art of telling a joke and not just any joke, but an incredibly raunchy one that every comedian worth his or her salt knows. Among the cast are Phyllis Diller, Robin Williams, Chris Rock, Richard Lewis, and on and on. A real peak into the inner world of comedy. — M. Pols. (Not rated: but with obscene language.) 1 hour, 26 minutes. **B+**

"BALLETS RUSSES": In 1929, Sergei Diaghilev, whose name is nearly as synonymous with ballet as Stravinsky, died in Venice. His passing left a void not only at his world-famed company, the Ballets Russes, but also in the larger world of dance. In this graceful and fascinating new documentary, Bay Area filmmakers Dan Geller and Dayna Goldfine have put together an impressive memorial to a perishable art form and a moving, invigorating look into the civilization that sustained it. — A.O. Scott. (Not rated.) 1 hour, 58 minutes. **A-**

"BEE SEASON": Filmed almost entirely in the East Bay, this flawed but sometimes effective movie refreshingly explores spirituality and family issues. Too bad directors Scott McGehee and David Siegel overstate their intentions with a ham-fisted style. Richard Gere is marvelous as an academic who bonds with his daughter (Flora Cross) as she proceeds up the spelling bee chain. The movie has a lot on its mind, but most of its musings are rooted in the internal and simply don't make for lively cinema, although the lovely shots of the East Bay certainly do. — R. Myers. (PG-13: thematic elements, a scene of sensuality and brief strong language.) 1 hour, 44 minutes. **C+**

"BROKEBACK MOUNTAIN": Two cowboys fall unexpectedly in love in director Ang Lee's masterful ode to the West and romance. Jake Gyllenhaal and Heath Ledger play the men who find themselves impossibly attracted to each other while herding sheep on Brokeback Mountain, and form a clandestine relationship that lasts 20 years. Everything about this beautiful and evocative film works, from the cast to the direction to the score. But Ledger is the standout as the taciturn Ennis, a man struggling to understand something that he simply can't. Perhaps the best film this year. — R. Myers. (R: sexuality, nudity, language and some violence.) 2 hours, 14 minutes. **A**

"CAPOTE": Philip Seymour Hoffman shouldn't be the only name considered for an Oscar nomination — this rich and profound film about the making of a masterpiece and the undoing of a writer deserves one as well. Hoffman never misses a beat playing flamboyant author Truman Capote. The assured film, from director Bennett Miller, follows the egomaniacal author through the process of writing his masterpiece, "In Cold Blood." Catherine Keener is exceptional as Capote's friend, and assistant, Harper Lee. — R. Myers. (R: some violent images and brief strong language.) 1 hour, 50 minutes. **A**

"CHICKEN LITTLE": Disney is marginally successful with this, the studio's first full-length computer animation movie made without any assistance from Emeryville-based Pixar. While the animation is quite good, the story winds up laying an egg. The sky does indeed fall on Chicken Little, unleashing aliens who wreak havoc on a Richard Scarry-like world called Oakey Oaks. The screenwriters run out of good ideas, so they resort to being a "War of the Worlds" clone with an occasional disco tune tossed in. That's really too bad, since the first half is charming, cute and holds promise. — R. Myers. (G) 1 hour, 27 minutes. **B-**

"THE CONSTANT GARDENER": In this excellent adaptation of John le Carre's novel, Ralph Fiennes portrays a British diplomat, a hapless good guy who seems to be a doormat. But when his activist wife is killed in the film's first moments, the character evolves to reveal unfathomed depths. Director Fernando Meirelles makes Kenya part of his story, as he did with Rio in the Oscar-nominated "City of God." — M. Pols. (R: language, some violent images, sexual content, nudity.) 2 hours, 9 minutes. **A-**

"THE CHRONICLES OF NARNIA: THE LION, THE WITCH AND THE WARDROBE": The childlike wonderment we experienced when we first encountered the magical world of author C.S. Lewis is replicated in this enchanting adaptation of the first of a seven-book series. Four children living in England's countryside during WWII enter a wardrobe that takes them to a winter wonderland where an evil White Witch (Tilda Swinton) with killer fashion sense is in a tug-of-war with a majestic and virtuous lion (voiced by Liam Neeson). The film with Christian themes lags as it enters its more talky third final act, but "Narnia" casts quite a spell. Take the family and enjoy. — R. Myers. (PG: battle sequences, frightening moments.) 2 hours, 20 minutes. **B+**

"DERAILED": Jennifer Aniston jumps the comedy tracks to turn nasty in this laughably bad blackmail thriller that should have gone straight to video. Clive Owen ("Closer") plays a married ad exec who meets and lusts after an attractive but prone-to-new-hairstyles stranger (Aniston) on a train. The two eventually wind up in a hotel but find their tryst interrupted by a violent robber who later blackmails them. The poorly plotted story, inept performances — except for Owen — and tired direction make this a turkey, with all the trimmings. — R. Myers. (R: strong disturbing violence, language, some sexuality.) 1 hour, 50 minutes. **F**

"THE DYING GAUL": This smart, nervy neo-noir thriller is about a Hollywood producer named Jeffrey (Campbell Scott), his screenwriter wife, Elaine (Patricia Clarkson), and an aspiring young filmmaker named Robert (Peter Sarsgaard). At first, Robert, still mourning a dead lover, is all vulnerability and artistic integrity, with Scott's sharklike producer demanding a crowd-pleasing rewrite of a script — which, as it happens, is called "The Dying Gaul." But soon enough all sorts of sexual games and power shifts ensue. — A. Hornaday. (R: strong sexual content, profanity.) 1 hour, 51 minutes. **A-**

"FIRST DESCENT": This snowboarding documentary doesn't get into the heads of boarders the way the deeper, more stylish "Dogtown and Z-Boys" did with skateboarding, but then it doesn't try. The filmmakers set out to show six boarders perform amazing stunts on gorgeous mountains, and they do a great job. One scene features a guy plummeting down a mountain in the middle of an avalanche. — C. Hewitt. (PG-13: brief, strong language and a pot reference.) 1 hour, 50 minutes. **C+**

"GET RICH OR DIE TRYIN'": Rapper Curtis "50 Cent" Jackson fails to set the screen aflame in this loose interpretation based on his years as a former gangster. Director Jim Sheridan ("In America") and screenwriter Terence Winter ("The Sopranos") transform Marcus (50 Cent) into a hero of Greek or Roman proportions, then forget to breathe life into his character. Deja vu permeates the entire enterprise, recalling elements of "The Godfather," "Scarface" and "8 Mile." "Hustle & Flow" covered some of this terrain and did it much better. Here, the focus is more on the spilt and bad blood rather than the music. — R. Myers. (R: strong violence, pervasive language, drug content, sexuality and nudity.) 2 hours, 14 minutes. **C-**

"GOING SHOPPING": In this idiosyncratic Henry Jaglom comedy, Holly (Victoria Foyt) is the proprietor of a trendy boutique. She's worked hard to establish the store, so it comes as a shock that she's about to lose her lease if she doesn't come up with $40,000. Meanwhile, Holly learns the hard way that she has foolishly entrusted her finances to her smooth-talking lover. Walking out on him, she buckles down to meet the imminent deadline. — K. Thomas. (PG-13: strong language.) 1 hour, 46 minutes. **B**

"GOOD NIGHT, AND GOOD LUCK": George Clooney directed, wrote and co-stars in this sharp black-and-white film about veteran newsman Edward R. Murrow's tangle with anti-Communist fanatic Joseph McCarthy (wisely depicted in archival footage). The film both educates and entertains, reminding us of an important episode in history that resonates today. — R. Myers. (PG: mild thematic elements, brief language.) 1 hour, 33 minutes. **A**

"HARRY POTTER AND THE GOBLET OF FIRE": It smells an awful lot like teen spirit in the fourth installment of the phenomenal series about an orphaned boy with sorcerer abilities. Harry (Daniel Radcliffe) grows up fast as he faces down a pack of vicious mermaids, fights an ill-tempered dragon and discovers the opposite sex. Director Mike Newell ("Four Weddings and a Funeral") makes "Goblet" way too scary for the little ones, but strikes a chord with the material, showing us the dark side of adolescence. — R. Myers. (PG-13: sequences of fantasy violence, frightening images.) 2 hours, 37 minutes. **B**

"THE ICE HARVEST": With the help of stars John Cusack and Billy Bob Thornton, director Harold Ramis ("Groundhog Day") offers a bitter alternative to holiday chestnuts like "It's a Wonderful Life" and "The Santa Clause." Cusack and Thornton are in fine from as embezzlers who find their seemingly bestlaid plans skidding out of control on Christmas Eve. "Harvest" should be better given the talent involved, but it does have a few nifty surprises and good performances. — R. Myers. (R: violence, language and sexuality/nudity.) 1 hour, 28 minutes. **B-**

"IN THE MIX": Originally titled "Dying for Dolly," this lame romantic comedy starring singer Usher Raymond is indeed already flat on its back and ready for a toe tag. Usher plays a nightclub DJ who takes a bullet to protect a mob boss's family and becomes bodyguard to the man's daughter. Oh, and they fall for each other. — B. Longino. (PG-13: Sexual content, violence, language). 1 hour, 35 minutes. **D**

"JARHEAD": Director Sam Mendes ("American Beauty") crafts a mostly successful stream-of-consciousness version of Anthony Swofford's much-acclaimed 2003 memoir about being a Marine sniper during the first Persian Gulf War. There are vivid and unforgettable sequences, and also bouts of Marines misbehaving in the desert, including a haunting sequence set amongst the burnt remains of war dead. Jake Gyllenhaal and a four-star supporting cast, including Peter Sarsgaard and Jamie Foxx, bring depth and range to a story that is at times confined by its one-voice narration. — R. Myers. (R: pervasive language, some violent images, strong sexual content.) 1 hour, 55 minutes. **B+**

"JUST FRIENDS": Ryan Reynolds stars as Chris, an effeminate high school senior with a weight problem. Reynolds, in a very convincing fat suit, longs for the fair Jamie (Amy Smart), who is, alas, content to be "Best Friends Forever." After a graduation night humiliation, he resolves to never again be trapped in "the friend zone." Ten years later, Chris is a cynical L.A. record company exec. Events conspire to send him home for the holidays, where Chris can take back up with Jamie, or lose her to loser-turned-player Dusty (Chris Klein) by reverting to his dweeby high school self. — R Moore. (PG-13: sexual content, including some dialogue.) 1 hour, 36 minutes. **C-**

"KING KONG": The mighty ape rules yet again in this spectacular, but long-winded — three hours plus! — remake from director Peter Jackson ("Lord of the Rings"). Naomi Watts ("The Ring") makes a wonderful damsel in distress, a vaudeville actress who becomes the object of the 25-foot ape's affection. Jackson brings the timeless tale vividly to life, giving Kong the top billing he deserves. The creature is a special-effects marvel, who expresses both sympathy and fury as he woos the beauty who will be his downfall. The visionary Jackson takes a long time to get the party started, but once he and the cast land on Skull Island — a tropical nightmare filled with hellish sights and savages, along with mutant creepy crawlies and stampeding dinos — the movie turns into a monster mash of epic proportions. A classic that could have been better with a few choice cuts to wrangle the absurdly long running time. — R. Myers. (PG-13: frightening adventure violence and some disturbing images.) 3 hours, 7 minutes **B+**

"KISS KISS, BANG BANG": Writer Shane Black ("Lethal Weapon" scribe) goes gonzo in his first outing as a director with this clever, ribald and rambunctious sendup of film noir. A thief (Robert Downey Jr.) winds up in Los Angeles, where he becomes enmeshed in a real-life murder. Michele Monaghan brings great spunk to her role of a wannabe actress and love interest. The plot is cluttered, but there's so much energy, nifty dialogue and quirky side bits that you don't care. — R. Myers. (R: language, violence, sexuality/nudity.) 1 hour, 43 minutes. **A-**

"MEMOIRS OF A GEISHA": This beautiful epic based on the best-selling 1997 novel plays up the soap-opera elements as it chronicles the life of a pre-WWII geisha. Ziyi Zhang ("House of Flying Daggers") plays Sayuri, a geisha of great acclaim who finds herself terribly infatuated with an older man (Ken Watanabe) who seems barely aware of her existence. As directed by Rob Marshall ("Chicago"), "Geisha" caresses our senses with its breathtaking imagery and lush photography, but what ultimately results is a slightly shallow version that emphasizes the melodrama. — R. Myers. (PG-13: mature subject matter and some sexual content.) 2 hours, 24 minutes. **B**

"NAKED IN ASHES": Paula Fouce's beautiful, illuminating documentary takes the viewer into the profoundly spiritual world of India's yogis, who see their taking on the sins of humanity as a source of healing and redemption for others. — K. Thomas. (Not rated.) 1 hour, 48 minutes. **B+**

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A high-strung girlfriend (Sarah Jessica Parker) meets her beau's bohemian family over the holidays in this comedy co-starring Diane Keaton and Claire Danes.

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Syriana (R) 1:50, 4:40, 7:25, 10:20.
Walk the Line (PG-13) 1, 4, 7:15, 10:25.
Yours, Mine and Ours (PG) 11:20, 1:30, 3:50, 5:55, 8:05, 10:10.

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Syriana (R) 1:15, 4:10, 7:50, 10:50.
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Bridge Theatre ★
3010 Geary Blvd, San Francisco 415-267-4893
Pride & Prejudice (PG) 1, 4, 7, 9:45

Castro Theatre ★
429 Castro St., San Francisco 415-621-6120
It's a Wonderful Life (Not Rated) 6, 8:50.

Clay Theatre
2261 Fillmore Street, San Francisco 415-267-4893
Capote (R) 1:30, 4:15, 7, 9:40

Embarcadero Center Cinemas ★
1 Embarcadero Center, San Francisco 415-267-4893
Brokeback Mountain (R) 12, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5:30, 7, 7:30, 8:30, 10, 10:30.
Good Night, And Good Luck (PG) 12:10, 2:20, 4:40, 7:15, 9:30.
Shopgirl (R) 1:30, 4:30, 7:20, 9:50.

Lumiere Theatre ★
1572 California St., San Francisco 415-777-3456
One: The Movie (Not Rated) 1:15, 3:15, 5:15, 7:15, 9:35.
Sarah Silverman: Jesus is Magic (Not Rated) 1:45, 3:30, 5:30, 7:30, 9:25.
The Squid and the Whale (R) 1, 3, 5, 7, 9:15.

Opera Plaza Cinema ★
601 Van Ness Ave., San Francisco 415-267-4893
Ballets Russes (Not Rated) 1:15, 4, 6:45, 9:20.
The Dying Gaul (R) 2, 4:45, 7:30, 9:50.
Going Shopping (PG-13) 1:45, 4:30, 7:15, 9:40.
Pulse (Japanese) (Not Rated) 1:30, 4:15, 7, 9:30

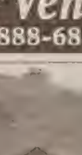
The Red Vic Theatre ★
1727 Haight, San Francisco 415-668-3994
The Aristocrats (Not Rated) 7:15, 9:15.

The Roxie Theatre ★
3117 16th At Valencia, San Francisco 415-863-1087
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Down to the Bone (Not Rated) 7, 9.
Naked in Ashes (Not Rated) 7.

Loews Theatres Metreon ★
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Aeon Flux (PG-13) 1:50, 4:30, 7:30, 10:10.
Chicken Little (G) 10:25.
Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe (PG) 10:35, 12, 2, 3:30, 7, 9, 10:40, 12:20.
The Family Stone (PG-13) 10:45, 1:20, 4:10, 7:10, 10, 12:35.
Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire (PG-13) 11, 2:50.
King Kong (PG-13) 1:40, 6, 10:30, 10:40, 11:40, 12:40, 3, 4, 5, 7:00, 8:20, 9:20, 11:40, 12:30.
Memoirs of a Geisha (PG-13) 10:50, 12:20, 2:40, 3:50, 6:10, 7:50, 9:50, 11:20.
The Producers (PG-13) 11:10, 1:10, 2:30, 4:20, 5:40, 7:40, 8:50, 10:50, 11:50.
Rent (PG-13) 10:25, 12:10.
Syriana (R) 10:55, 2:20, 5:50, 6:40, 9:10, 10:05.
Walk the Line (PG-13) 1, 4:25, 7:45, 10:55.

Loews IMAX Theatre ★
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Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire: The IMAX Experience (PG-13) 3:20, 6:50, 10:20.
The Polar Express: An IMAX 3D Experience (G) 10:30, 12:50.

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Movies

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"NORTH COUNTRY": Charlize Theron delivers another Oscar-worthy performance as a Minnesota mother of two who stands up to on-the-job sexual harassment and changes history. Director Niki Caro ("Whale Rider") creates another strong female character in this based-on-a-true-story account that falters only when it enters the courtroom. A powerful and worthwhile film, even though the lead character is pure fiction. With Frances McDormand and Sissy Spacek. — R. Myers. (R: sequences involving sexual harassment, including violence and dialogue, also language.) 2 hours, 3 minutes. **B+**

"PARADISE NOW": Even though we know the film focuses on what might be the final 48 hours in the lives of suicide bombers, when we meet Said and Khaled, our reaction is, "It can't be them." A pair of regular guys, these genial, empathetic slackers have been close friends since childhood. What can lead an individual to act on the boast "he who is not afraid of death is in control of life"? The film seeks to answers this, and its determination not to take sides is what makes it so effective. — K. Turan. (PG-13: mature thematic material, brief strong language; in Arabic with subtitles.) 1 hour, 30 minutes. **A**

"PRIDE & PREJUDICE": Director Joe Wright brings robust energy and spunk to the Jane Austen classic as he loosens up the tale about romantic entanglements and class complications. Keira Knightley ("Domino") makes a fine heroine, with pluck and a thing for that brooding snob Mr. Darcy (Matthew Macfadyen). The two take a while to get the sparks firing, but once they do, they turn this beloved story into a romantic comedy that can stand on its own, even when compared with earlier versions. — R. Myers. (PG: some mild thematic elements.) 2 hours, 8 minutes. **A-**

"PRIME": Uma Thurman is Rafi, 37, and newly divorced. Dave (Bryan Greenberg), at 23, is a swinging, callow hipster who hasn't figured out women. The two meet, have a date and hit if off. The kicker in this featherweight comedy — heavy on the Jewish boy/Jewish mom shtick — is that Rafi bares her soul about this sexy new infatuation with her shrink (Meryl Streep), who soon realizes the boy in question is her son. And she doesn't approve. — R. Moore. (PG-13: sexual content including dialogue; language.) 1 hour, 40 minutes. **B**

"RENT": The rock opera beloved by a young generation stumbles a bit in its transition to the screen. Director Chris Columbus prefers gloss over grit, stripping the Pulitzer Prize-winner of one of the reasons it was so lauded. Still, the cast, made up of "Rent" stage veterans, is strong, and the music and story does rock. But Columbus seems uncertain too often, annoyingly sending his camera in a tailspin when we should be locking in on these eight young adults struggling to make sense out of life, love and death in 1979 New York. — R. Myers. (PG-13: mature thematic material involving drugs and sexuality, some strong language.) 2 hours, 8 minutes. **B-**

"SARAH SILVERMAN: JESUS IS MAGIC": Basically a recording of a one-woman show comedian Sarah Silverman performed last year. The act is built, to a large extent, on the discrepancies between her appearance and her material. Most of the humor here depends on the scandal of hearing a nice, middle-class Jewish girl make jokes about rape, the Holocaust and AIDS. — A.O. Scott. (Not rated.) 1 hour, 40 minutes. **B-**

"SAW II": The surprise horror hit of last year spawns a gory sequel that is effective and deadly serious about what it wants to do. A terminally ill serial killer named Jigsaw toys with a burnt-out detective as he tortures eight misfits, including the cop's son, in a booby-trapped house. "Saw II" is better made than the first "Saw," but it could use a jolt of camp. — R. Myers. (R: strong violence, drug use, language and sexuality.) 1 hour, 31 minutes. **C+**

"SHOPGIRL": Steve Martin stars in this romantic comedy based on his own novella of the same name. Mirabelle Buttersfield (Claire Danes) sells gloves at Saks Fifth Avenue in Beverly Hills. Mostly, she stands behind a counter, removed from the main retail action. What she needs, Martin's introductory voice-over tells us, is someone to recognize and appreciate her, to pluck her out from the crowd. The movie itself does this, and so do her two suitors who become unwitting rivals for Mirabelle's affection (Martin and Jason Schwartzbaum). — A.O. Scott. (R: some sexuality, brief language.) 1 hour, 44 minutes. **A**

"THE SQUID AND THE WHALE": Jeff Daniels merits serious Academy Award consideration for his performance in this tale of bitter divorce and family breakdown. He plays Bernard, a writing professor and novelist whose talent is drying up, and who grows increasingly sour over his wife's (Laura Linney) rising fortunes as a writer. All this couple has left to offer their kids is rancor. The decision to split up and share custody quickly follows. — D. Germain. (R: strong sexual content, graphic dialogue, language.) 1 hour, 28 minutes. **B+**

"SYRIANA": This relevant, meaty and episodic political thriller ties together multiple narratives to provocatively peer into the world's perilous oil addiction. Director/writer Stephen Gaghan uses a flash-card approach similar to what he did for his Oscar-winning "Traffic." But in his first outing as director, he has fashioned a compelling and urgent film that also frustrates. "Syriana" is just too much of a good thing, overly cluttered with characters to the point of confusion. George Clooney, Matt Damon and Jeffrey Wright head an A-list cast given lines worthy of Shakespeare. — R. Myers. (R: violence and language.) 2 hours, 6 minutes. **B**

"USHPIZIN": Moshe (screenwriter Shuli Rand) is a good Jew but a lousy provider, always close to broke and unable even to afford the material to build a sukkah, a temporary shelter observant Orthodox Jews live in during the Sukkot holidays. He and his wife, the imposing Malli (Rand's real-life wife, Michal Bat Sheva Rand), want a child, but God hasn't come through on that, either. Nothing to do but pray, and the sneaky joke here is that prayers have a way of immediately being answered, if not always in the fashion the petitioners had hoped. — T. Burr. (PG: mild thematic elements; in Hebrew with subtitles.) 1 hour, 31 minutes. **B-**

"WALK THE LINE": Joaquin Phoenix burns up the screen as the Man in Black in this engrossing and complex film biography of Johnny Cash. Phoenix delivers an electric performance, channeling the spirit of the influential and enigmatic singer. Reese Witherspoon has never been better as his touring partner and eventual love interest, June Carter. Director and co-writer James Mangold ("Girl, Interrupted") plumbs the soul of the singer, showing us his demons and his inspirations. Expect Phoenix to be walking that line right to the Oscar ceremony. — R. Myers. (PG-13: some language, thematic material, depiction of drug dependency.) 2 hours, 16 minutes. **A-**

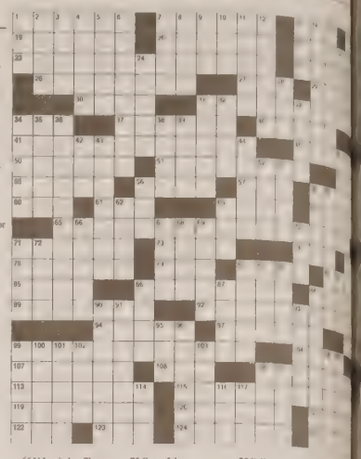
"WALLACE & GROMIT: THE CURSE OF THE WERE-RABBIT": The first full-length screen adventure of the cheese-obsessed Wallace and his caretaking canine Gromit will delight young and old. The lovable claymation duo from England encounter all sorts of mayhem when one of Wallace's half-baked inventions goes seriously awry, resulting in a Bunny Bigfoot that's chewing up veggie patches. Countless verbal and visual gags run throughout this clever homage to horror films. — R. Myers. (G) 1 hour, 25 minutes. **A-**

"YOURS, MINE & OURS": A pointless, uninspired remake of a 1968 Henry Fonda-Lucille Ball comedy reduces two good actors — Dennis Quaid and Rene Russo — into human bicycle pumps. They play former sweethearts who get hitched after a high school reunion, an act that brings disharmony to their 18 children. Director Raja Gosnell shows not one bit of flair to the proceedings. This is one of the year's worst films. Families and the two lead actors deserve better than this. — R. Myers. (PG: mild crude humor.) 1 hour, 28 minutes. **F**

"ZATHURA: A SPACE ADVENTURE": Actor/director Jon Favreau follows up his breakout success "Elf" with this family adaptation of a Chris Van Allsburg book. A fun and funny script is never overshadowed by decent special effects as two brothers find a dusty board game that sends them into space, where they encounter a malfunctioning robot, lizardlike aliens and a slacker astronaut. It's an imaginative joyride through the fantasy world of boys, and is worthwhile for children and adults alike. — R. Myers. (PG: fantasy action and peril, some language.) 1 hour, 40 minutes. **B**

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AURORA THEATRE COMPANY —
"Marius," Nov. 17 through Dec. 18. A new English translation of Marcel Pagnol's French comedy about youth, love and yearning among the working class characters of the Marseilles seaport. Wednesday through Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. $38 to $45.
Aurora Theatre, 2081 Addison St., Berkeley. (510) 843-4822 or www.auroratheatre.com.

BERKELEY REPERTORY THEATRE —
"Monday Night PlayGround," Oct. 17 through March 20, 8 p.m. A monthly series presenting staged readings of short works by new and emerging playwrights. Third Monday of every month. $16. (415) 704-3177 or www.playground-sf.org.
"Brundibar," Nov. 16 through Dec. 28. Playwright Tony Kushner and children's author Maurice Sendak have collaborated to create a musical fable for the whole family, based on their 2003 picture book and the original pre-World War II opera about a brother and sister who must earn enough money to care for their ailing mother. The two children join forces with talking animals and a group of other children in order to outwit the town's evil organ grinder. The play will be performed alongside Kushner and Sendak's adaptation of "Comedy on the Bridge," an absurdist commentary on war written in Czechoslovakia in the 1930s. Children from several Bay Area communities will make up the chorus for the performance. At the Roda Theatre. Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Thursday, 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Friday, 8 p.m.; Saturday, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.; Sunday, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.; Dec. 24, noon and 5 p.m.; NO SHOW DEC. 25; NO MATINEE SHOWS DEC. 3 AND DEC. 8. $15 to $64.
"Night-Out," Nov. 17, 7:30 p.m. A post-show party for the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community featuring hors d'oeuvres, drinks and music. At the Roda Theatre. Free with ticket to that night's performance.
"Once Upon a Wild Thing: Celebrating the Works of Maurice Sendak," Nov. 19 through Dec. 17. Local celebrities read Maurice Sendak stories to children of all ages before the afternoon performance. Refreshments at 12:30 p.m.; reading at 1 p.m.; matinee show at 2 p.m.
Dec. 10: Children's author Thacher Hurd.
Dec. 17: Actor Delroy Lindo. Free if you say "Wild Thing" when purchasing ticket's to that afternoon's performance
2025 Addison St., Berkeley. (510) 647-2949, (888) 4BR-Ttix or www.berkeleyrep.org.

CHABOT COLLEGE —
"La Posada (The Inn), A Christmas Play," Dec. 8 through Dec. 17. A colorful Mexican holiday show featuring comedy, music and romance. For the whole family. At the Chabot College Little Theater. Thursday through Saturday, 7 p.m.; Dec. 10, 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. $5 general; $15 family of three to five people. (510) 723-6830.
25555 Hesperian Blvd., Hayward. www.chabotcollege.edu.

JULIA MORGAN CENTER FOR THE ARTS —
"Tell It on Tuesday," Dec. 20, 7 p.m. An evening of original storytelling by Randy Rutherford, Sandra Niman, Gay Ducey, Marijo, Terri Tate and Erica Lann-Clark. Violist Henry Kicye performs a musical prelude at 7 p.m. and the storytelling begins at 7:30 p.m. $8 to $12.
2640 College Ave., Berkeley. (510) 845-8542 or www.juliamorgan.org.

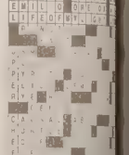
MASQUERS PLAYHOUSE —
"Dear World," Nov. 4 through Dec. 17. The musical tale of a wise old woman who rescues the earth from greedy oil barons, while simultaneously sheltering a pair of young lovers. Thursday through Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 2:30 p.m. $15.
105 Park Place, Point Richmond. (510) 232-4031 or www.masquers.org.

PINOLE COMMUNITY PLAYHOUSE —
East Bay Improv, Ongoing. A night of improvised comedy by the East Bay group. First Saturday of every month, 8 p.m. $7 per person. (510) 964-0571 or www.eastbayimprov.com.
601 Tennent Ave., Pinole.

SCOTTISH RITE THEATER —
"The Christmas Revels: The 20th Anniversary Gala Production," Dec. 9 through Dec. 18. A theatrical celebration of the winter solstice for the whole family, featuring traditional rituals and dances, folk plays, music and holiday songs by a cast of adults and children. Friday, 7:30 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. $15 to $42. (415) 773-1181 or www.calrevels.org.
1547 Lakeside Drive, Oakland.

SHOTGUN PLAYERS —
"Cabaret," Dec. 2 through Jan. 15. This Broadway musical-drama about life in pre-World-War-II Germany is centered around the decadent KitKat Club Cabaret, and includes such hit songs as "Willkommen," "Don t Tell Mama" and "Life is a Cabaret ol chum!" Thursday through Sunday, 8 p.m.; Dec. 18, 5 p.m. and 8 p.m.; NO SHOWS DEC. 22 THROUGH DEC 25 Ticket prices range from pay-what-you-can through $30.
The Ashby Stage, 1901 Ashby Ave., Berkeley. (510) 841-6500 or www.shotgunplayers.org.

THE MARSH BERKELEY —
"Cirque Do Somethin'," Dec. 3 through Dec. 30. A family performance of clowning and circus arts by Moshe Cohen and Unique Denique, featuring unicycles, bicycles, human percussion, battles with music, disappearing acts and the ubiquitous chicken. Dec. 3, Dec 4, 11, Dec. 17, Dec 18 and through Dec. 30, 1 p.
"The Dick 'N Dubya Comedy" through Dec. 18 Anne Holmes star in this sometimes comedy as Dick and Dubya on a mission to infiltrate communities and convert the Republican Party. Sunday, 7 p.m. $15 to $2
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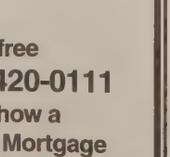
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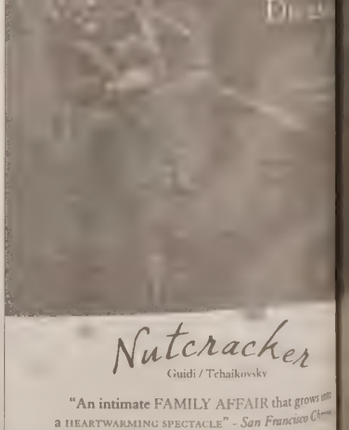
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THE DINING GUIDE

Featured Menu

Z CAFE & BAR
2735 Broadway, Oakland, CA
(Cross St. 27th)
510.663.2905

At Z Café & Bar, we offer unpretentious contemporary American Bistro fare using the freshest, locally grown meals and produce around the Bay Area. Our menu changes seasonally to capture flavors at their peak.

Our wine focus is Californian, but we offer a selection featuring many regional and international favorites available by the glass. Wine tasting flights are available daily.

The bar features exciting house cocktails infused with fruits and fresh squeezed juices. We also offer a large selection of hand-shaken specialty martinis and flavored mojitos.

Hours of Operation

Breakfast	Mon - Fri	7:00 - 10:30AM
Lunch	Mon - Fri	11:00 - 2:30PM
Dinner	Wed - Thurs	5:00 - 9:00PM
	Fri - Sat	5:00 - 10:00PM
Brunch	Sun	9:00 - 2:30PM
Bar	Daily	Until Close



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3 course meal and a glass of champagne for $45

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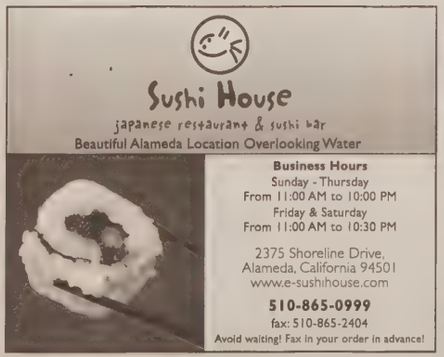
Reservations
Contact us at 510.663.2905
We accept Visa, Mastercard and American Express

From the Kitchen
We recommend the Fresh Oysters with Herb Granita, Grilled Rosemary Pork Chops with roasted garlic mashed potatoes and our Pan Roasted Alaskan Halibut with Tomatillo Sauce. Our menu changes frequently please call to check for availability of the items.

Behind the Bar
House Mixologist Mehdi Zarekarl. Try the "Mehdi Special" and our house flavored mojitos.









Z Café & Bar
Planning an Event at Z Café & Bar
www.zcafeandbar.com

The restaurant sits in a 1925 building built in the Beaux Arts tradition. It boasts expansive windows, soaring ceilings, long granite bar and all original tile floors similar to cafes in Paris. Our space can be a unique and charming host to a variety of events such as business meetings, rehearsal dinners, festive celebrations and intimate gatherings.

The main banquet hall seats up to 65 guests. We also have a private dining room that can accommodate smaller groups up to 16 guests. An additional 30 can be accommodated using our outdoor patio. We can host up to 100 guests for cocktail-style events.

The entire restaufant is wi-fi enabled. Guests using our private dining room also have a TV/video player and projection screen available to them.

Our banquet menu can be tailored to your specific requirements.

Café Enrico
Since 1978, 875D Island Drive, Alameda, (510) 522-0128

For fine Italian dining at its best, visit Café Enrico overlooking the beautiful Harbor Bay Lagoon. Full bar service features special cocktails daily with exceptional wine selections. From gourmet seafood plates to Old World pastas, chicken dishes, sandwiches and even a dieter's menu, Café Enrico truly offers something to please everyone. In fact, many guests dine in two and three times a week. House specialty steamers (Manila clams and fresh seafood cioppino) are not to be missed. *Café Enrico is open daily. Sat & Sun Brunch is served until 3 pm and Early Bird Specials (12.95) are served Mon-Fri until 6 pm and Sat & Sun until 5 pm.* For Reservations, please call (510) 522-0129. MC, Visa, AME. handicap access. Casual attire. $$

Juanita's
1324 Park Street, Alameda (510) 865-2588

Juanita's has been serving home style Mexican cooking since 1975 to generations of Bay Area diners. Patrons enjoy a margarita or cold cerveza at Juanita's with their choice of delicious Mexican appetizers and entrees. Including everyone's favorite – tacos, enchiladas, and fajitas. AC $$ FB W

Katsu Sushi
1465 Webster Street, Alameda, (510) 749-8461

West Alameda's newest restaurant, Katsu Sushi, invites guests to an upscale dining experience with classic simplicity. Chef Sang Kim prepares all dishes from scratch and seafood is brought in fresh, directly from Japan. The menu is extensive, ranging from an extraordinary selection of sushi and sashimi, Udon/Soba, Donburi (over rice dishes), to pasta and an impressive variety of sake. Architect Duk Lee has created a dramatic backdrop for guests, marrying modern art with traditional design elements. Attention to even the most minor aesthetic detail is also mirrored in the elegant presentation of Katsu's dishes, offerings that are as much a work of art to the palate as to the eye. *Katsu is open for lunch Mon.-Fri. from 11:30am to 2:30pm and open for dinner Mon.-Thurs. & Sun. from 5-9:30pm. Fri & Sat. 5-10pm. Reservations recommended.*

Montclair Bistro
6118 Medau Place, Monclair Village, (510) 482-8282

Chef Henry Vortriede's philosophy of his restaurant, Montclair Bistro, is Metrix Cuisine, which he finds is "a synergy between the food on the table, the art on the walls, and the ambience of the restaurant. The result is a feeling of comfort and harmony between the food and the surroundings." The Bistro's cuisine is Creative California with a French Flare and offers gourmet delicacies for even the most discriminating palate. The dining experience is enhanced with a full bar and more than 150 wines and Vintage Ports. *Montclair Bistro offers lunch, dinner, Happy Hour and Sunday Brunch. Please visit our ad for hours of operation. Reservations are recommended but not required. Visit www.montclairbistro.com.*

Pier 29 Waterfront Restaurant
300 - 29th Avenue, Oakland (510) 261-1621

Good food, friendly service, and comfortable atmosphere describe Pier 29 Waterfront Restaurant. For over 30 years the restaurant has been located adjacent to the Park Street Bridge overlooking the Alameda/Oakland estuary. The "Pier" offers an extensive menu featuring fresh seafood, Angus New York steak, prime rib, pasta, teriyaki ribs, daily specials, and much more. The theme in the kitchen is "good homestyle cooking." Brunch is served on weekends from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. and the popular early bird menu is featured daily. Every table has a view of the water and there is plenty of free parking. *The Pier is open 7 days a week. New business hours: Sun. - Thurs. 9 a.m. - 10 p.m., Fri. - Sat. 9 a.m. - 11 p.m. Breakfast - Lunch - Dinner.*

Sushi House
2375 Shoreline Drive, Alameda (510) 865-0999

When it comes to sushi, one place on the island comes to mind. Come experience why locals & out-of-towners alike flock to Sushi House. Whether you're a fan of modern or traditional Japanese cuisine, Sushi House will delight your senses w/unique, award-winning sushi creations not found elsewhere on either side of the Bay. You've tried the rest. Now try the best! All seafood is delivered daily to ensure unrivaled quality & freshness. Showcasing these excellent beginnings are chef/owner James' own creations such as "Crazy Horse" - tuna, hamachi, salmon & avocado; "Crazy Monkey" - yellow tail, salmon, eel, tobiko and cucumber; & "Dynamite" - yellow tail, salmon, tuna & halibut deep fried w/house special sauce - spicy! Frequent Sushi House diners John & Salle Crittenden agreed that "James is a real artist & his sushi is the freshest we've ever tasted." *Sushi House is open nonstop from 11 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Sunday through Thursday & 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Fridays & Saturdays. Plenty of free parking.* From an intimate date to a big celebration, Sushi House is the hip & trendy place to be in Alameda! AE MC VS $$

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1332 C Park St., Alameda CA 94501 (510) 748-0296

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Dinner Menu

Zoups _ Zalads _ Ztarters

Soup of the Day
cup 3.50 bowl 5.50

Half Dozen Fresh Oysters 9.00
with choice of champagne mignonette or herb granita

Steamed Mussels 9.00
pasilla chili pepper broth with garlic and fresh lime

Sautéed Garlic Prawns 11.00
white wine, garlic & paprika

Cheese Quesadilla 6.00
Monterey Jack and cheddar
sides of fresh tomato salsa, guacamole and sour cream
add chicken or beef 3.00

Ceasar Salad 7.50
hearts of romaine, shaved parmesan cheese, garlic croutons topped with anchovy fillets

Butter Lettuce Apple Walnut Salad 7.50
blue cheese and fresh raspberry vinaigrette

Z House Salad 5.25
organic mixed field greens, Sierra Nevada dry jack, toasted pine nuts, tomatoes, Dijon-balsamic vinaigrette

Entrees

1/2 Roasted Chicken 14.00
pomegranate sauce, garlic mashed potatoes, sautéed asparagus

Seafood Pasta 12.50
prawns, mussels, salmon, fettuccine with marinara beurre blanc sauce

West Coast Fish Cakes 10.50
heirloom tomatoes, green salad and herbed mayonnaise

Coq Au Vin 14.00
whole chicken breast, red wine sauce, glazed pearl onions
sautéed mushrooms with mashed sweet potato

Grilled Herbed Pork Chop 15.00
2 chops, roasted garlic mashed potatoes and sautéed asparagus

Charbroiled N.Y. Steak 19.50
12 oz. USDA choice cut, paprika pomme frittes, sautéed asparagus, horseradish sauce

Pan Roasted Salmon 13.00
over wild rice with dried cranberries and walnuts, orange beurre blanc sauce

Z Burger

French fries or green salad 8.50
add Swiss, Jack, Cheddar or Blue Cheese 1.00
add bacon, red peppers or mushrooms 1.00

Polenta
mascarpone, pine nuts, tomatoes 6.25
add spicy andouille sausage 2.50

Sides

sautéed spinach, garlic fries or sautéed green beans 3.50 each

Desserts

N.Y. Style Cheesecake 5.00

Praline Pumpkin Torte 5.00
fresh whipped cream

Flourless Chocolate Cake 4.00
fresh whipped cream

Ciao Bella Gelatos & Sorbet 3.50
chocolate, strawberry, hazelnut, and vanilla gelato
blackberry cabernet and raspberry sorbet
your choice of two scoops

Coffee and Espresso

House Blend	1.75	Espresso	1.50
Cappuccino	2.00	Latte (double)	2.50
Mocha (double)	2.75	Hot Chocolate	2.00
Extra Shot	.50	Milk	1.50
With Soy Milk .50			

Hot Tea (Mighty Leaf) 1.95

Mt. Spring Jasmine (Green) — Hojicha (Green)
Mint Melange (Herbal) — Chamomile Citrus (Herbal)
Vanilla Bean (Black) — Earl Grey (Black)
Breakfast Americana (Black)
Iced Tea (Peaberry's) 1.75
Snapple Raspberry Iced Tea 2.75
Arnold Palmer (Lemonade & Iced Tea) 2.75

Beer

Sierra Nevada Pale Ale	3.50	Trumer Brauerei Pilsner	3.75
Guiness Draught	3.75	Lagunitas IPA	3.75
Rolling Rock	3.00	Anchor Steam	3.75
Kaliber Non- Alcohlic	3.75	Amstel Light	3.75

Soda Pop

Coke/ Diet Coke	1.75	7 Up/ Diet 7 Up	1.75
Jones Soda Berry Lemonade			2.25
Jones Soda Crushed Melon			2.25
Jones Soda Blue Bubble Gum			2.25
Jones Soda Watermelon			2.25
Jones Soda Green Apple			2.25
Pellegrino Limonata	1.95	Pellegrino Aranciata	1.95
Kemper Black Cherry	2.25	Kemper Rootbeer	2.25
Kemper Orange Cream	2.25	Kemper Vanilla Cream	2.25
Reeds Ginger Brew	2.75		

Fonteviva

Still or Sparkling .5L 2.50 — Still or Sparkling 1L 4.75

Juices

Fresh Orange Juice	Sm/Lg 2.75/3.50
Fresh Grapefruit Juice	Sm/Lg 2.75/3.50
Fresh Lemonade	2.75 • Refill .50
Sunburst (Lemonade & OJ)	2.75
Cranberry Juice	Sm/Lg 1.75/2.50

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Kamakura

2549 Santa Clara Ave., Alameda (510) 521-9121

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Sophia Cafe

1247 Solano Ave., Albany (510) 526-8663

Sophia Cafe is a tiny haven for Mideast food. Owner Moti Dagan makes entrees and baked goods with a personal touch. For dinner enjoy schnitzel, moussake (sliced eggplant dish with ground beef) or the cous cous plate. Finish with a delightful dessert made in-house. For a limited time, enjoy early bird specials for only $7.95. Offer valid only with mention of ad from 5-9pm. Take out and catering menus available upon request. Open Sun-Fri 11-9pm.

La Pinata 3

1440 Park St., Alameda (510) 769-9111

La Pinata 3 has been indulging the Bay Area since 1978 with authentic, delicious Mexican cuisine. In 2005, La Pinata 3 introduced their Taco Bar, offering authentic Mexican tacos prepared the old-fashioned way, with traditional ingredients. In addition to Pinata 3's impressive menu, including Albondiagas (meat ball soup), traditional Mexican breakfasts, and the famous Whole Red Snapper, delectable homemade pastres (desserts) and after dinner drinks are not to be missed. Perhaps most impressive about La Pinata 3 is the popular Tequila Bar. Serving the largest variety of 100% Agave tequilas in Alameda, and perhaps the entire East Bay, the tequila bar at La Pinata 3 is guaranteed to turn you in to a return guest. La *Pinata 3 is open daily from 7am to 3am, and Happy Hour is from 4-5pm M-F. Weekend Specials and a $9.50 Sunday Brunch are also available.* **www.lapinata.com.** (Look for La Pinata #6 opening mid-August in Concord with 2 tequila bars!)

Sabuy Sabuy II

1233 San Pablo, Berkeley (510) 528-3932

Enjoy Thai cuisine with California flair at the new Sabuy Sabuy II. Your visit will begin with a warm greeting, welcoming you to experience Sabuy Sabuy's specialties: savory soups, salads, delicious meat and Vegetarian dishes, all prepared with only the freshest vegetables and meats by family cooks with decades of experience. *Dinner is served M-Sat from 5-9:30pm. Lunch is served daily from 11 am - 3pm with specials starting at $5.95.*

El Caballo

891B Island Drive (Harbor Bay Island), Alameda, (510) 521-4032

Family-owned El Caballo Mexican Restaurant has had a long-standing reputation for preparing delicious traditional dishes from scratch using nothing but the freshest ingredients of the highest quality. El Caballo is famous for their Especialidades De Mariscos (seafood specialties) including Paella Estilo Catalina, Cioppino Siete Madres, Enchiladas Cabo San Lucas, and many others. In addition to delicious seafood entrees, El Caballo offers an impressive menu of Mexican favorites to please every palate. The family and staff at El Caballo have made it their utmost priority to offer you, their guests, a pleasant and relaxing dining experience. You are invited to enjoy authentic Mexican dining with a view over beautiful Harbor Bay Lagoon.

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FILE NO 371342
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The name of the business DINAR JEWELRY IMPORTS located at 3151 ETON AVE #4 in BERKELEY CA 94706 is hereby registered by the following owner(s):
STEPHAN SALOMO DINAR
3151 ETON AVE #4
BERKELEY, CA 94705
YASMIN DINAR
3151 ETON AVE #4
BERKELEY CA 94705
JONATHAN DINAR
3151 ETON AVE #4
BERKELEY, CA 94705
This business is conducted by a general partnership
/s/ Stephan Salomo Dinar
/s/ Yasmin Dinar
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on date indicated by file stamp above
Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein.
Expires NOVEMBER 08, 2010
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STEPHEN L WEIR,
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By XXXXX, Deputy
FILE NO 2005-9244
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The name of the business. 1)CRAZY WIRELESS 2) CITILINK WIRELESS located at 5411 LONE TREE WAY, SUITE L120 in BRENTWOOD, CA 94513 is hereby registered by the following owner(s):
RICK TAN
1755 BAG PIPE
SAN JOSE, CA 95121
ANTHONY TRAN
39939 STEVENSON COMMONS #1064
FREMONT, CA 94538
DAVID WONG
142 N MILPITAS BLVD #368
MILPITAS, CA 95035
This business is conducted by a general partnership
/s/David Wong
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FILE NO 371851
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The name of the business: POTENTSCI, LLC located at 1251 66TH STREET in EMERYVILLE, CA 94608 is hereby registered by the following owner(s):
FREDERICK LEE MOORE, PHD
595 JOHN MUIR DR. #426
SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94121
MICHAEL LAWRENCE PENN JR., MD, PHD
1251 66TH STREET
EMERYVILLE, CA 94608
This business is conducted by: limited liability company
/s/ Frederick Moore
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By XXXXX Deputy
FILE NO 371286
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The name of the business. PERUCCI'S located at 1724 SAN PABLO AVE in BERKELEY, CA 94702 is hereby registered by the following owner(s):
LARY MORIGUCHI
135 SANTA FE AVE
EL CERRITO, CA 94530
SALVADOR PEREZ
1633 7TH STREET
BERKELEY, CA 94710
This business is conducted by co partners
/s/ Larry Moriguchi
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ALAMEDA COUNTY
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FILE NO 371503
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The name of the business: SOUL ALIGNMENT COACHING located at 1491 MILVIA STREET #201 in BERKELEY, CA 94705 is hereby registered by the following owner(s):
LELA JUANETTA LOYCE
4257 SAN PABLO DAM RD #1
EL SOBRANTE, CA 94803
This business is conducted by: an individual
/s/ Lela Juanetta Loyce
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on date indicated by file stamp above.
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FILE NO 2005-9295
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The name of the business: SECURITY COMPLIANCE CORPORATION located at 120 VILLAGE SQUARE, SUITE 76 in ORINDA, CA 94563 is hereby registered by the following owner(s):
SLATER AND SLATER INC.
120 VILLAGE SQUARE, SUITE 76
ORINDA, CA 94563
This business is conducted by: a corporation
/s/ Steve Slater, President
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa on date indicated by file stamp above
Business commenced on 03/01/05
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FILE NO. 371522
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The name of the business: CITIZENS FOR THE ALBANY SHORELINE located at 1127 GARFIELD AVE in ALBANY, CA 94706 is hereby registered by the following owner(s)
BRIAN PARKER
1127 GARFIELD AVE.
ALBANY, CA 94706
This business is conducted by: an unincorporated association other than a partnership

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/s/ Brian Parker
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ALAMEDA COUNTY
By XXXXX, Deputy
FILE NO 371705
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The name of the business: MIKE'S AUTO SERVICE located at 1699 UNIVERSITY AVE in BERKELEY CA 94703 is hereby registered by the following owner(s):
MIEO KUROKI
5447 TANDEM LN
RICHMOND, CA 94803
This business is conducted by: an individual company
/s/Mieo Kuroki
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on date indicated by file stamp above
The registrant commenced not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein
Expires NOVEMBER 17, 2010
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FILED DECEMBER 07, 2005
STEPHEN L. WEIR,
County Clerk
CONTRA COSTA COUNTY
By XXXXX, Deputy
FILE NO 2005-10037
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The name of the business. TKS MEAT & PRODUCE COMPANY located at 5119 11TH STREET in SAN PABLO, CA 94806 is hereby registered by the following owner(s):
YUK TAI CHEUNG
3119 11TH STREET
SAN PABLO, CA 94806
This business is conducted by: an individual
/s/ Yuk Toi Cheung
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa on date indicated by file stamp above.
Business commenced on 10/01/05
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FILED DECEMBER 06, 2005
STEPHEN L WEIR,
County Clerk
CONTRA COSTA COUNTY
By XXXXX, Deputy
FILE NO 2005-9976
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The name of the business. CLANNADH CONSTRUCTION located at 63 SAND POINT DR in RICHMOND, CA 94804 is hereby registered by the following owner(s):
JOHN POWER
63 SAND POINT DRIVE
RICHMOND, CA 94804
This business is conducted by: an individual
/s/John Power
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa on date indicated by file stamp above.
Business commenced on 12/06/05
Expires DECEMBER 06, 2010
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FILED DECEMBER 02, 2005
STEPHEN L. WEIR,
County Clerk
CONTRA COSTA COUNTY
By XXXXX, Deputy
FILE NO 2005-9900
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The name of the business: PHARMALUMINESCE CONSULTING located at 309 CARMEL AVE in EL CERRITO, CA 94530 is hereby registered by the following owner(s):
LEI ZHOU

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309 CARMEL AVE
EL CERRITO, CA 94530
This business is conducted by: an individual
/s/ Lei Zhou
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa on date indicated by file stamp above
Business commenced on 12/2/05
Expires DECEMBER 02, 2010
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Publish DECEMBER 16, 23, 30, 2005 JANUARY 6, 2006.

FILED NOVEMBER 15, 2005
STEPHEN L. WEIR,
County Clerk
CONTRA COSTA COUNTY
By XXXX, Deputy
FILE NO 2005 9441
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The name of the business: DUBOIS ORGANIC CATERING located at 740 POMONA AVE in EL CERRITO, CA 94530 is hereby registered by the following owner(s):
BENJAMIN C DUBOIS
740 POMONA AVE
EL CERRITO, CA 94530
This business is conducted by: an individual
/s/ Benjamin C Dubois
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa on date indicated by file stamp above
Business commenced on 9/01/05
Expires NOVEMBER 15, 2010
Legal The Journal 2269
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FILED NOVEMBER 14, 2005
STEPHEN L. WEIR,
County Clerk
CONTRA COSTA COUNTY
By XXXXX, Deputy
FILE NO 2005-05 9393
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The name of the business: DO IT 2 DEF MUSIC located at 2981 BIRMINGHAM DR in SAN PABLO, CA 94806 is hereby registered by the following owner(s)
STEVEN PARHAM
2981 BIRMINGHAM DR
SAN PABLO, CA 94806
This business is conducted by: an individual
/s/ Steven Parham
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa on date indicated by file stamp above.
Business commenced on 11/14/05
Expires NOVEMBER 14, 2010
Legal The Journal 2266
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FILED DECEMBER 01, 2005
STEPHEN L. WEIR,
County Clerk
CONTRA COSTA COUNTY
By XXXXX, Deputy
FILE NO. 2005-9849
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The name of the business ABC CAB COMPANY located at 2350 WESTCLIFFE LN #A in WALNUT CREEK, CA 94597 is hereby registered by the following owner(s):
ALEX KIM
2350 WESTCLIFFE LN. #A
WALNUT CREEK, CA 94597
This business is conducted by: an individual
/s/Alex Kim
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa on date indicated by file stamp above.
Business commenced on 12/01/05
Expires DECEMBER 01, 2010
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FILED NOVEMBER 15, 2005
County Clerk
ALAMEDA COUNTY
By XXXXX, Deputy
FILE NO. 371600
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The name of the business: EMERYVILLE SPORTS PHUSICAL THERAPY located at 2322 POWELL ST in EMERYVILLE, CA 94608 is hereby registered by the following owner(s):
BG MEDICAL INC.

Legal Notice

2322 POWELL ST
EMERYVILLE, CA 94601
This business is conducted by: a corporation
/s/ Ruth Baker
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on date indicated by file stamp above
Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein
Expires NOVEMBER 15, 2010
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STEPHEN L WEIR,
County Clerk
CONTRA COSTA COUNTY
By XXXXX, Deputy
FILE NO 2005 9378
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The name of the business. EAGLE JUDGEMENT RECOVERY located at 3969 COWAN RD. in LAFAYETTE, CA 94549 is hereby registered by the following owner(s):
RONALD BEDRICK
2812 BURTON DRIVE
OAKLAND, CA 94611
This business is conducted by: an individual
/s/ Ronald Bedrick
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa on date indicated by file stamp above.
Business commenced on N/A
Expires NOVEMBER 14, 2010
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STEPHEN L. WEIR,
County Clerk
CONTRA COSTA COUNTY
By XXXXX, Deputy
FILE NO 2005-9528
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The name of the business: ROLLING GREEN LANDSCAPING located at 944 LEXINGTON AVE in EL CERRITO, CA 94530 is hereby registered by the following owner(s):
DAVID BARKER HOLLIS
944 LEXINGTON AVE
EL CERRITO, CA 94530
This business is conducted by an individual
/s/ David B. Hollis
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa on date indicated by file stamp above.
Business commenced on 11/17/05
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FILED NOVEMBER 08, 2005
STEPHEN L. WEIR,
County Clerk
CONTRA COSTA COUNTY
By -------, Deputy
FILE NO. 2005-9291
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The name of the business: US. PETS AND FUN located at 425 SANTA FE AVENUE in POINT RICHMOND, CA 94801 is hereby registered by the following owner(s):
CHAFOGRACK VALERIE
425 SANTA FE AVE
PT RICHMOND CA 94801
This business is conducted by an individual
/s/ Chafograck
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa on date indicated by file stamp above.
Business commenced on 11/08/05
Expires NOVEMBER 08, 2010
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County Clerk
ALAMEDA COUNTY
By XXXXX, Deputy
FILE NO. 372023
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The name of the business: FIREFLY JEWELRY DESIGNS located at 2537 FULTON ST #8 in BERKELEY, CA 94904 is hereby registered by the following owner(s):
WENDY BETH RAZO

Legal Notice

2537 FULTON ST #8
BERKELEY CA 94904
This business is conducted by: an individual
/s/ Wendy Prado
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Alameda County on date indicated by file stamp above.
Registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name(s) listed herein
Expires NOVEMBER 23, 2010
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FILED OCTOBER 31, 2005
STEPHEN L. WEIR,
County Clerk
CONTRA COSTA COUNTY
By -----, Deputy
FILE NO 2005 9045
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The name of the business. THE GOSPEL PERSUADERS located at 1320 MONTEREY STREET in RICHMOND, CA 94804 is hereby registered by the following owner(s):
DONNIE PHILLIPS
1320 MONTEREY ST
RICHMOND CA 94804
This business is conducted by an individual
/s/ Donna Phillips
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa on date indicated by file stamp above.
Business commenced on 10/31/05
Expires OCTOBER 31, 2010
Legal The Journal 2256
Publish NOVEMBER 25, DECEMBER 2, 9, 16, 2005.

FILED NOVEMBER 29, 2005
STEPHEN L. WEIR,
County Clerk
CONTRA COSTA COUNTY
By XXXXX Deputy
FILE NO 2005-9784
FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
The name of the business: COLE REAL ESTATE located at 3050 CITRUS CIRCLE, SUITE 201 in WALNUT CREEK, CA 94598 is hereby registered by the following owner(s):
COLE, COOLEY AND DAMATO INC. CA.
This business is conducted by: a corporation
/s/ Robert A Cooley
This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Contra Costa on date indicated by file stamp above
Business commenced on 11/29/05
Expires NOVEMBER 29, 2010
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Legal Notice

PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY OF BERKELEY

ORDINANCES

The Berkeley City Council, at its meeting of **December 6, 2005**, adopted the following Ordinances

ORDINANCE NO. 6,886 N.S. Amending FY 2006 Annual Appropriations Ordinance No. 6,862-N.S. for FY 2006

ORDINANCE NO. 6,887-N.S. - Adding Municipal Code Section 23C 12 100 regarding Inclusionary Housing Program Administrative Fees.

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Title order No 5706726 Trustee Sale No. C-6766 Reference No 7012524 APN 529 130-028-2 You are in default under a Deed of Trust dated 9/25/2003 Unless you take action to protect your property, it may be sold at a public sale If you need an explanation of the nature of the proceedings against you, you should contact a lawyer On 1/6/2006 at 10:00 A M , Robert E Weiss Incorporated as the duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust, recorded on 10/1/03 as Document No 2003 0491231, Book , Page of Official Records in the Office of the Recorder of Contra Costa County, California executed by Irene Feaster, A widow, as Trustor Financial Freedom Senior Funding Corporation, A subsidiary of Lehman Brothers Bank, FSB, as Beneficiary Will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States, by cash, a cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or **federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings** bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state) At **the Court Street entrance to the County Courthouse, 725 Court Street** (Court of Main and Court Street), Martinez CA all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County, California describing the land therein As more fully described on said Deed of Trust The property heretofore described is being sold "as is" The street address and other common designation, if any of the real property described above is purported to be 1427 Garvin Avenue, Richmond, CA 94801, Exhibit A, Lot 20and 21, block 20 as delineated upon that certain Map entitled 'Map of Brown Andrade Tract' being a portion of lots 78, 79, 80 and 81 of the final partition of the San Pablo Rancho, Contra Costa County, California, filed April 3, 1908 in Map Book 1, Page 16, in the office of the County recorder of the County of Contra Costa, State of California. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon as provided in said note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to-wit: $229,137.93 Estimated Accrued interest and additional advances if any, will increase this figure prior to sale The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located and more than three months have elapsed since such recordation. Robert E. Weiss Incorporated, as Trustee Attn Foreclosure Dept, 920 Village Oaks Drive Covina, CA 91724 Telephone Number (626) 967 4302 Cris A Klingerman, Esq We are attempting to collect a debt and any information we obtain will be used for that purpose Dated 12/13/2005 ASAP# 738400 12/16, 2005, 12/23/2005, 12/30/2005
Legal The Journal 2277
Publish December 16, 23, 30, 2005

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE T S No F 37959 CA-TH Loan No 0006555700 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 11/6/2003 UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION **OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER** A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section **5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state will** be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the **trustee in the hereinafter described property under** and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s) advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below The amount may be greater on the day of sale If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse BENEFICIARY MAY ELECT TO BID LESS THAN THE TOTAL AMOUNT DUE Trustor BILLY R BOOTH AND ROSIE MAE BOOTH, HUSBAND AND WIFE AS JOINT TENANTS Duly Appointed Trustee. Quality Loan Service Corporation Recorded 11/19/2003 as Instrument No 2003 0564565 00 in book ***, page *** of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Contra Costa County, California, Date of Sale: 12/30/2005 at 10:00 AM Place of Sale. AT THE COURT STREET ENTRANCE TO THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 725 COURT STREET (CORNER OF MAIN AND COURT STREET), MARTINEZ, CA Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: $422 436 55 Street Address or other common designation of real property: 1426 CARLSON BOULEVARD RICHMOND, CA 94804 A.P.N · 508 132-020-01 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within [illegible] days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale Date [illegible] 2005 Quality Loan Service Corporation 319 Elm Street, 2nd Floor San Diego CA 92101 3006 For Sale information call 916 387 7728 or logon to www.calpost[illegible] 645 771[illegible] For NON SALE information only [illegible] Under Trustee Sale Officer THIS NOTICE IS SENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF COLLECTING A DEBT THIS FIRM IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT ON BEHALF OF THE HOLDER AND OWNER OF THE NOTE ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED BY OR PROVIDED TO THIS FIRM OR THE CREDITOR WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE ASAP#737390 PUB DATES 12/9, 12/16, 12/23/05.
Legal The Journal 2268
Publish December 9, 16, 23, 2005

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No 05 13710 [illegible] #000.00035[illegible] Order No 05 [illegible] Investor/Insurer [illegible] 1000351764 APN No [illegible] 280-023 3 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED [illegible]/2004 UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER Notice is hereby given that Recor Trust Company, N.A., as duly appointed trustee pursuant to the Deed of Trust executed by EMERY BIAGAS [illegible] MAN dated 12/09/2004 and recorded 12 16 04 [illegible] Instrument No 2004 [illegible] 00 in Book Page [illegible] Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Contra Costa County, State of California, will sell on 12/22/2005 at 10 00AM AT THE COURT STREET ENTRANCE TO THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE 725 COURT STREET (CORNER OF MAIN AND COURT STREET MARTINEZ CA [illegible] auction to the highest bidder for cash or [illegible] described below, payable in full at time of sale all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State and as more fully described in the above referenced Deed of Trust The street address and other common designation, if any of the real property described above is purported to be 608 18TH STREET, RICHMOND CA 94801. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any shown herein The total amount of the unpaid balance with interest thereon of the obligation secured by the property to be sold plus reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is $246[illegible] It is possible that at the time of sale the opening bid may be less than the total indebtedness due In addition to cash, the Trustee will accept cashier's checks drawn on a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state Said sale will be made, in an "AS IS" condition, but without covenant or warranty express or implied regarding title possession or encumbrances, to satisfy the indebtedness secured by said Deed of Trust, advances thereunder with interest as provided, and the unpaid principal of the Note secured by said Deed of Trust with interest thereon

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LE THREAT: Nathan Lane, Uma Thurman and Matthew Broderick star in "The Producers." COLUMBIA/UNIVERSAL

roducers' perfect antidote to holiday stress

By Randy Myers
STAFF WRITER

s would be a whole lot
r if every grouchy person
ent to watch the high-spir-
"The Producers."
third version of funny-
Mel Brooks' ribald, loving
on of Broadway could put
e on anyone's face. Nathan
nd Matthew Broderick re-
their lauded stage roles,
two schemers out to turn
profit by creating the the-
world's largest flop, a musi-
ering a singing and danc-
ster.
ough the stars exhibit the
-couple chemistry that
the way for Lane to get a
nd Broderick a nomina-
is the supporting players,
ly Will Ferrell, who make
e utterly delightful. Even
by "Saturday Night
Jon Lovitz — as the
boss of Broderick's char-
— is a perfect complement
ne ensemble cast. That's
the Lane/Broderick magic
rn off, it's just that these
have the juicier parts, and
it up and strut like pea-

ks' wickedly off-color
ted as a 1968 film com-
most of the big mu-
bers, with Zero Mostel
Wilder. Brooks realized
good thing and dusted
y off, added new tunes,
ered a Tony Award-win-

e Producers" is hard to
p, since Brooks, maker of
ssics such as "Blazing

REVIEW

- **WHAT:** "The Producers"
- **STARRING:** Nathan Lane, Matthew Broderick, Uma Thurman, Will Ferrell
- **RATING:** PG-13 (sexual humor and references)
- **RUNNING TIME:** 2 hours, 14 minutes
- **WHERE:** Opens today at the Metreon, S.F.; expands to more theaters later this month
- **GRADE:** B
- **ONLINE:** See the trailer at ContraCostaTimes.com.

Saddles" and "Young Frankenstein," has written such a deliciously tasteless and hilarious script. But it does require a strong cast.

What most hampers this "Producers" is that it just isn't very innovatively made, seeming at times like a simple filmed version of a stage production.

In her first outing as a movie director, stage veteran Susan Stroman delivers mixed results. She shows a reverence and enthusiasm for the material — especially during the musical and dance numbers — but rarely veers outside of familiar terrain, setting most of the action on stage sets. When she does allow the show to roam a bit, for instance visiting Central Park, she doesn't stay there long enough.

You can almost overlook that as the plot sends fallen-on-hard-times producer Max Bialystock



HE'S A HOOT: Will Ferrell nearly steals the show in his role as loony playwright Franz Liebkind.

(Lane) and accountant and wannabe producer Leo Bloom (Broderick) on a mission to find the "talent" to make the world's biggest musical fiasco. The plan is to mount a one-night stand and make off with the backers' money

They discover what they think will be their bomb in "Springtime for Hitler," a musical with dancing and singing Nazis, along with the Fuehrer himself.

Max entices his widowed backers to support it, then he and Leo set out to get their hand-picked losers on board. They first head out to assure the play's demented Nazi scribe Franz Liebkind, a side-spitting Ferrell garbed in lederhosen, that they will show the Fuehrer proper respect. Then it's off to chat up the world's worst director, the cross-dresser Roger De Bris, played as if he were a gay Mr. Howell by Gary Beach. To get to Roger, they have to get past his flamboyant assistant and partner Carmen Ghia (Roger Bart, familiar from his role as the pharmacist on TV's "Desperate Housewives"). Bart is a comic find, overarching his eyebrows at every turn and vamping it up throughout.

Rounding out this cast of eccentrics is an enthusiastic Swedish receptionist and actress named Ulla (Uma Thurman), who is smitten with the neurotic Leo.

Generally, each encounter leads to an appropriately ridiculous and frothy song-and-dance number. Of these, the ensemble numbers are best. Thurman is an OK singer, but even her sex-kitten act during the "When You Got It, Flaunt It" number can't compare to the campiness of "Keep It Gay," with De Bris extolling the virtues of lightening up tragic theater works such as "Oedipus."

The best is saved for nearly last, when "Springtime" debuts to stunned silence on Broadway. These outrageous numbers, brilliantly choreographed by Stroman, are so offensive that you can't help but burst out in laughter. It's vintage and crass Brooks, and sometimes that's just what we need to chase away the holiday blues.

Reach Randy Myers at rmyers@cctimes.com or at 925-977-8419.

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The night unfolds with a succession of dishes that stun with their complexity and accomplishment (especially amazing considering that Roberts works out of a closet-sized kitchen). Robertson's own Pate de Foie Gras ($12), served with toasts brushed with butter from the terrine and a date-and-Meyer-lemon chutney. Fall Kobe Beef Tartare ($12) is a plush disc of raw beef spiked with Worcestershire and Tabasco, seared with a blowtorch, garnished with thin slices of persimmon and an arabesque of pomegranate-and-balsamic-vinegar gastrique.

A Seared Scallop, Fennel and Citrus Salad ($12) has tiny bay scallops, and the salad packs a big lemony wallop. Too big and lemony, probably, to make any wine taste anything but sour and charmless. And though I love the Frittata di Tonnato ($11), filled with tender slices of potato and bits of fresh tuna, its delicious sauce of roasted tomatoes and olives is too spicy to be wine-friendly. It's so good, you may not care.

Like wine, the food that goes with it — simple or complicated — is a matter of your own taste and mood. These two places span a lot of territory.

Reach East Bay food writer John Birdsall at jwbirdsall@sbcglobal.net.

TIONS AND CLASSES

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blo Youth Singers — Audi-ring enrollment, Jan. 4, 5 and 9, prior music experience not ir al levels. Foothills Congre- Church, 461 Orange Ave., Los ntments: 650-424-1410 or blo.org.

o Con Vivo — Now audition-ce parts for 100-voice commu- for 2005-06 season. 510-836- oncertoconvivo.org.

d a Fairyland Theater Pro- Annual casting call for singers, actors and musicians, ages 8-, for theater program be-ginning in March. Program based in Oakland. Appointments: Jim Mueller, 510-238-6878.

■ **Contra Costa Chorale** — Seeking new singers and soloists for 2005-06 season. The chorale is a nonprofit, community-based chorus with a mission to bring quality music in a variety of styles to Bay Area audiences. Appointments: 510-524-1861.

■ **Diablo Valley Masterworks Chorale** — For winter session. Mondays, 7-10 p.m., Diablo Valley College Music Building, Room 101, 321 Golf Club Road, Pleasant Hill. All voices welcome. 925-228-8690.

■ **Diablo Women's Chorale** — Mondays at 7:30 p.m., Trinity Lutheran Church, 2317 Buena Vista Ave., Walnut Creek. Welcoming new members to sing two-, three- and four-part harmony for holiday concert. 925-736-4157, www.angelfire.com/ca/dwchorale.

■ **J&L Center Stage Inc.** — "Remembering Eleanor," Danville Woods Clubhouse, 640 Sycamore Circle, Danville. Need one male in his 40s to play FDR. Appointments: 925-820-7216, www.jlcenterstage.com.

■ **San Francisco Improv Alliance** — "The Practice Rounds," six-week sessions running intermittently from 7-10 p.m. For intermediate to advanced improvisers who would like the opportunity to work with professionals in a fun, wild, risk-taking environment. The Climate Theater, 285 Ninth St. (at Folsom), S.F. Pay what you can. 415-863-1076.

■ **Valley Concert Chorale** — "Carmina Burana," Jan 9, 16, 23 in Livermore. Production of the choral masterpiece begins in March. Appointments: 925-462-4205, www.valleyconcertchorale.org.

■ **Voices of Musica Sacra** — Multi-faith chorus seeking new members in all voice parts for winter season. Mondays, 7:30-9:30 p.m., St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 1924 Trinity Ave., Walnut Creek. 925-680-7089

Classes/workshops

■ **Berkeley Repertory Theatre** — Target Family Series, through June 4. Sundays, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Nevo Education Center, 2071 Addison St., Berkeley. Monthly theater workshops for the entire family. Suggested donation: Bring a book for John Muir Elementary School library. Free. 510-647-2972, school@berkeleyrep.org.

■ **Danville Village Theatre** — Weekly after-school musical theater workshop for middle-school students through Feb. 15. The 90-minute workshops will conclude with performances at the Village Theatre, Feb. 18-19. Wednesdays, 2-3:30 p.m. $350. Pam Koepf, 925-825-6316, pkbones@comcast.net.

■ **LIKAH CoCo Young Filipino Dancers of Contra Costa** — Dance workshop, ages 7-17, through December. Fridays, 7-8:30 p.m. Traditional Filipino folk dances. St. Bonaventure Church, 5562 Clayton Road, Concord. $60. Rhu A. Bigay, 925-686-5133, www.likha.org.

■ **Moving Arts Dance** — Classes in Persian dance. Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8:30-10 p.m. SOLAD Dance Center, 2260 Oak Grove Road, Walnut Creek. First class: $10. Monthly fee: $15. 925-938-3390

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J.B. ALDERMAN
On DVDs

Films to set the holiday mood

THE HOLIDAYS are a great time to gather around the TV, munch popcorn and watch DVDs with the family. When haggling about what to see with your loved ones, add these three Christmas-themed films to your holiday viewing list.

THE POLAR EXPRESS

Based on the classic book of the same name, "Polar" tells the enchanting tale of a midnight train ride to the North Pole to visit Santa Claus. Done in computer animation with Tom Hanks voicing many of the characters, this DVD is perfect to watch with the entire family on Christmas Eve. My 5-year-old son loves this movie, and calls it his all-time favorite film (this month). There are a few action scenes that make the DVD a bit too harrowing for kids under 4. (G). 1 hour and 39 minutes.

Ratings (out of 4 stars):
Overall: 3 stars
Kids: 4 stars
Teens: 2 stars
Adults: 3 stars
Seniors: 3 stars
Should you rent it? Yes — a magical nighttime ride to the North Pole.

LOVE ACTUALLY

Hugh Grant leads an all-star British cast (which borders on being an oxymoron) in this light, romantic comedy. Using a clever device, this is really many minimovies in one, with 20 lead characters and nearly as many plotlines that are all closely tied together. Set in London in the weeks leading up to Christmas, the horde of characters we're following careen in and out of love (mostly in) and take us along for the ride. Grant is improbably cast as the unmarried, wise-cracking prime minister who unexpectedly finds love lurking in the form of a servant at 10 Downing St. Most teens will find the film unbearably 'kissy-yucky' (and their parents may not care for the four-letter words and brief nudity), while some seniors may be occasionally baffled by the phalanx of characters. (R: for sexuality, nudity and language). 2 hours and 15 minutes.

Ratings (out of 4 stars):
Overall: 2½ stars
Kids: N/A
Teens: 2 stars
Adults: 3 stars
Seniors: 2½ stars
Should you rent it? Yes — a good choice for a romantic evening at home.

A CHRISTMAS STORY

Proving that films made in the 1980s can now be called classic, this gem is one of the best Christmas movies ever made. We follow the hysterical exploits of Ralphie Parker (Peter Billingsley), a preteen growing up in small-town Indiana in the 1940s. We see things from Ralphie's perspective, as he dodges bullies and finagles to secure the gift at the top of his Christmas wish list: a BB gun. The "I dare you to put your tongue on the metal flagpole in winter" scene is worth the price of the rental by itself. Sentimental without being hokey, the movie has that rare ability to successfully cross all generational lines. It's a winner for popping into the portable DVD player for the drive to grandma's but is also strong enough for the whole family to watch together on movie night. (PG: mild language). 1 hour and 38 minutes.

Ratings (out of 4 stars):
Overall: 4 stars
Kids: 4 stars
Teens: 3 stars
Adults: 4 stars
Seniors: 4 stars
Should you rent it? Yes — a Christmas classic the whole family will love.

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Love of music apparent on teen's C

By Jennifer Modenessi
STAFF WRITER

Alex Pfeifer-Rosenblum isn't your typical teen musician.

The 17-year-old El Cerrito High School senior possesses a richly sonorous voice that belies his youth. Think Mark Kozelek, the melancholy lead singer of Red House Painters, stirred with a dash of '70s singer-songwriters such as Paul Simon, James Taylor, Tom Jobim — with a little bossa nova and jazz spicing the mix.

Pfeifer-Rosenblum, who strummed his first guitar at age 3, recently finished recording "Green Chair Circle," an elegant set of folk-rock sparklers. The independently released CD is a labor of love for Pfeifer-Rosenblum, and involved a cast of musician friends and mentors, including his 19-year-old sister (and accomplished drummer), Rebecca.

But Pfeifer-Rosenblum's musical output isn't limited to only one genre. He's second-chair trombonist for the San Francisco Jazz Organization (SFJAZZ)'s All-Star High School Ensemble, and professes a love for classical composition.

Although "Green Chair Circle" is yet to be released for wide distribution, there seems little doubt that labels will come calling. With his tasteful and sophisticated arrangements and intelligent and heartfelt lyrics, Pfeifer-Rosenblum's future looks bright.

Q: When did you first begin playing music?

A: I sort of fell in love with music when I was 2 or 3 years old. My family took me to this summer camp ... They had this little gathering spot called the Green Chair Circle — a little circle of green Adirondack chairs. They had some music leaders playing guitar in the middle. When I was 2 or 3, I was totally blown away by it and I would just sort of follow the song leaders around all day in my diapers. I just loved it. Then my mom asked one of the song leaders if she'd be willing to give me guitar lessons.

When I was in the fourth grade, I started playing trombone. In 10th grade, I started studying composition, and I wrote some songs for my school band and went on to conduct them.

Q: When did you record "Green Chair Circle"?

A: I started recording the CD in July 2004. You record CDs in layers. We did the drums and then the bass, then the guitar and then the piano ... over and over.

Q: Was this a group effort?

A: Yes. I played guitar, bass and trombone. My sister, Rebecca, played the drums. One of my guitar teachers, Lisa Zeiler, played some guitar. I had backup singers; Ben Decker, Andrea Pritchett and Eve Decker sing with me. I had some really good piano players — a woman named Julie Wolf played piano; she's played with the Indigo Girls, Dar Williams and Shawn Colvin.

Q: Is having your CD independently released important to you? Would you rather have it released on a label? Are you more into a grass-roots effort?

A: I think there are advantages to each way. I kind of want it to be on a label, though, just because it really helps you get out there. I'd kind of like to do that at this point — play more, far more. I'd definitely like to rerelease it on a bigger label if that happens.

Q: Can you describe your sound for me?

A: I do mostly folk music and some jazz and some folk-rock. I love James Taylor, Paul Simon, the Indigo Girls, Patty Griffin. Sort of contemporary folk music with sort of a mixture of folk-rock and some jazz.

Q: Can you tell me about some of your lyrics or the themes of your songs and what inspired them?

A: It's mostly pretty personal songs. There's some love songs — some kind of sad love songs — unrequited love. There's a song I wrote about a friend of our family who died wh... 3, of a genetic dis... wrote a song about h... a political song on the... of antiwar song.

Q: What do you w... playing live?

A: I love playing l... of the most amazing ... something about con... the audience and ge... press myself throug... front of a bunch of ... just wonderful. When ... I just feel so much ... room. There's nothi...

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ALEX PFEIFER-ROSENBLUM, a senior at El Cerrito High School, recently released "Green Chair Circle."



SHERRY LAVARS/TIMES

"IT'S MOSTLY pretty personal songs," says Pfeifer-Rosenblum of the album.

Pick a wine, take your time, the dining's fi

By John Birdsall
CORRESPONDENT

How do you show off the wine in your glass? Here's a better question: How does the owner of a neighborhood wine shop build the kind of following that has customers showing up every week to taste what's new? The answer to both questions is food.

But what kind of food? The owners of Solano Cellars in Albany are offering the kind of spare but luxurious snacks you hope to find at some Paris wine bar. In September, the young owners who injected fresh spirit into Berkeley's graying gourmet ghetto at Vintage Berkeley wine shop took over Solano Cellars. Solano's previous owners specialized in monumental and pricey small-production California bottles, and a substantial bar menu that attracted a small but loyal following.

And while the new owners are keeping roughly the same profile for the wines (despite a new infusion of bottles under $20), the stripped-down food shines with artisan chic. On a recent evening I checked out the Red Wine Flight ($14), a four-glass meditation on the charms of wines made of muscley Beaujolais, grenache and syrah grapes. It's good, but a Charcuterie Plate ($10) featuring selections from Fatted Calf, a small East Bay charcuterie company, makes the wines pale.

Nothing could be simpler: a ramekin of moist, creamy duck rillettes; pink, pistachio-studded mortadella; and irregular slices of chewy chorizo with just the right hint of smokiness. Not to mention wondrously elastic bread from La Farine bakery up the street.

Don't get the wrong idea about this place. The menu is extremely limited (olives, almonds, a simple salad, chicken mousse and Cowgirl Creamery cheeses), and the little upstairs tasting bar doesn't have a lot of character. But if you're in the right mood, a bite at Solano Cellars can seem an extraordinarily satisfying meal out.

A meal at Pinole's Swish Wine Room can seem extraordinary, too. Chef Patrick Robertson's small tapas menu is so exuberant and worldly, it feels like it could exist almost anywhere. Anywhere, that is, but in downtown Pinole. Scrappy and reserved, Pinole's the place where the weekly prime rib dinner at Antlers Tavern seem like a local cultural amenity.

Swish is a gem. Gary Wong (he owns Hunan Villa and Pear Street Bistro, both a block away) launched his wine bar a year and a half ago, in a space with a cool mural of intersecting turquoise blocks, sleek custom lighting and steel shelf pods for displaying wine. Robertson, who trained at swank San Francisco restaurants such as Gary Danko, joined last summer. His tapas menu is available T... Friday nights.

I have to disclose... Robertson through t... food scene. On my ... to Swish, he busts ... as I walk through ... I'm anything but ... But there's so much ... thusiasm from othe... clear I'm not getti... treatment.

A regular custom... I'm eating Roberts... with Smoked Fish ... ($12) and tells me w... choice I've made. "Y... she chirps. She's r... son smokes his own ... sturgeon, and drap... them (with pieces ... cial smoked trout) ... ile potato pancake ... blob of housem... fraiche and three ... caviar, and a tric... butter scented wi... Buddha's hand citr... looking citrus fruit ... fragrant peel ...

See WINE, F...

SOLANO CELLARS WINE BAR

REVIEW VISIT ON DEC. 9

- **WHERE:** 1580 Solano Ave. (at Tacoma), Albany.
- **HOURS:** 4-9 p.m. Tuesdays-Fridays; noon-9 p.m. Saturdays; noon-6 p.m., Sundays.
- **PARKING:** Metered on the street.
- **CONTACT:** 510-525-9463.
- **DATE OPENED:** September 2005.
- **PRINCIPALS:** Peter Eastlake and Michael Werther, owners; Maya Elmer, manager.

FOOD

(overall value rating of our visit; out of a possible 5)

- **PRICES:** $ ($6-$10; $14 for four-glass wine flights).
- **HOME RUN:** Fatted Calf Charcuterie Plate.
- **WINE:** A red and white wine flight that changes weekly, and half a dozen other wines available by the glass; or choose any bottle in the store (with $10 service fee).
- **FOOD & WINE COST (pre-tax):** $43; three small plates, two wine flights.



GREGORY...

A CUSTOMER checks out the bottles at Swish Wine Room, where tapas are sold on Thursdays ...

SWISH WINE ROOM TAPAS BAR

REVIEW VISIT ON DEC. 2

- **WHERE:** 2401 B San Pablo Ave. (at Fernandez), Pinole.
- **HOURS:** 6-9 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays.
- **PARKING:** Free street parking.
- **CONTACT:** 510-741-9463; swishwineroom.com.
- **DATE OPENED:** Tapas began in June 2005.
- **PRINCIPALS:** Gary Wong, owner; Jeff Wickersham, manager; Patrick Robertson, chef.
- **PRICES:** $$ ($11-$12; $12-$15 for three-glass wine flights).

FOOD

(overall value rating of our visit; out of a possible 5)

- **HOME RUN:** Latke with Smoked Fish & Caviars; Fall Kobe Beef Tartare.
- **WINE:** Two red flights and one white, and half a dozen half-bottles.
- **FOOD & WINE COST (pre-tax):** $108.76; six plates, two half-bottles of wine.

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...e all-new 2006 Honda Civic comes just at the right time

BY CONNIE KEANE
MOTOR MATTERS

...ics in life, timing is everything. ...mall car segment, times look good. ...t perfect for Honda to introduce ...e 2006 Civic.

...Honda. How was the automaker ...ed its timing for launching the all-...-generation compact Civic ...ide with the highest gas prices ...tory? The fuel-weary consumer, ...en by prices at the pump and brac...the shock of home heating bills, is ...for solace. Here's heart-warming ...Honda: the Civic gets 40 miles ...on in highway driving.

...says the 2006 model represents ...transformation of design and ...for the Civic: new powertrain ...e result in higher performance ...ed fuel economy; Advanced ...y Engineering improves vehi...e crash energy management; ...gets new directions in design ...d the exterior styling features ...pressive lines.

...ew lineup includes the coupe, ...k and tuner-oriented Si two-... the coupe and sedan lineup ...LX and EX trims. Prices start ...60 for the DX coupe and go ...50 for the hybrid sedan with a ...system.

...ver was the Civic EX sedan with ...ation system and automatic trans..., which was priced at $21,110, in...destination charges. All Civic sedan ...are powered by a 1.8-liter inline ...der engine with advanced valve ...technology. The new powerplant ...oduces 140 horsepower at 6,300 ...128 pounds-foot of torque at 4,300 ...onda's previous Civic sedan had ...r ratings on the 1.7-liter four-cylin...ic a 127-horsepower version that ...d 114 pounds-foot of torque and ...epower version with 110 pounds-...rque.

...rly does the new engine produce ...er, it gets better fuel economy ...revious Civic. My tester was rated ...30 mpg city and 40 mpg high-way. Honda offers the new Civic Hybrid sedan in its 2006 lineup, with highway fuel economy ratings estimated at 51 mpg.

The new look of the Civic takes the conventional little sedan from boring to compelling. The 2006 model has a low, wide stance and is slightly wider with a longer wheelbase. The re-sculptured body lines are sporty and aerodynamic, and the Civic has an ultra-tight body panel fit to contribute to the sleek new appearance.

Taking a new direction in interior design layout for the dashboard, Honda's Civic features a two-tier instrument panel that seems to enlarge the space of the front row. The speedometer, fuel gauge and engine temperature readings are digitally portrayed on an elliptical-shaped instrument panel. Honda studied the eye movements of drivers and re-prioritized the placement of these readings for a quick recognition time with eyes going back to the road. The seats are redesigned to be wider — a nice feature for the American consumer — and have a more supportive construction.

The American consumer has warmly embraced the little Civic since it was first introduced in 1973. Honda reports the Civic has been the best-selling compact in the U.S. for the past nine years — and 16 million Civics have been sold worldwide since it was first built.

There's no question that Honda has been doing things right for a long time. And with such perfect, prescient timing with the launch of the Civic, I would tell the sun to set its clock by Honda. The numbers prove it, for millions of drivers the sun rises and sets on Honda.





THE CIVIC LINEUP includes the coupe, sedan, hybrid and tuner-oriented Si two-door. Within the coupe and sedan lineup are the DX, LX and EX trims. The Honda Civic EX sedan is pictured.

MOTOR MATTERS

KEANE ON WHEELS

HONDA CIVIC EX

Vehicle Type	Five-passenger, front-wheel drive, compact sedan
Suggested Retail	$19,760
Price As Tested	$21,110
Engine Type	16-valve 4-cylinder w/MPFI
Horsepower	140 @ 6,300 rpm
Torque	128 @ 4,300 rpm
Transmission	Five-speed automatic
Wheelbase	106 inches
Height	57 inches
Curb Weight	2,740 pounds
Fuel Capacity	13 gallons
Mileage	City/highway 30/38

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Pontiac GTO is a reminder of the 'good old days'

BY VERN PARKER
MOTOR MATTERS

CLASSIC CLASSICS

Although Dawn Painter and Terry Wortman attended the same high school in the 1970s, they didn't meet until after they had graduated.

When they began dating in 1976, she had a red 1972 Pontiac GTO. Soon after they wed, that GTO became history. In the spring of 2004, Wortman sold a car at the annual gathering of antique car aficionados in Carlisle, Pa. After his car was sold, he strolled about the field to see what he could see.

He came face to grille with a red 1972 Pontiac GTO. He whipped out his cellphone and called his wife to say, "I'm looking at a red 1972 Pontiac GTO like the one you used to have."

"Why haven't you bought it?" was her response.

A Canadian was selling the car, which had been restored in 1995. When Wortman got the GTO home to Virginia, his wife took one look at the car and was transported back to the "good old days."

After a thorough inspection, Wortman found no big surprises and only a few little things that needed his attention. The single four-barrel carburetor was rebuilt, an exhaust leak was corrected and a faulty power seatback release was fixed.

Research indicates that the Sundance Orange Pontiac rolled out of the factory on Sept. 16, 1971, on a set of white-letter B.F. Goodrich Radial T/A tires wrapped around 15-inch honeycomb wheels. Records show that the Pontiac was never sent to a dealer. Instead, it was delivered to the AC Spark Plug Division of General Motors in Flint, Mich. Wortman surmises that the well-optioned GTO was ordered by a company executive.

The window sticker price was $5,590.60, which included the following optional extras: 455 H.O. V8, air conditioner, GTO option, custom trim, AM/FM radio, power windows, power locks, rear defogger, cruise control, front console, softray glass, rear speaker, wheel-well molding, dome/map light, front and rear floor mats, and door-edge guards.

The powerful Pontiac also is equipped with a Turbo 400 automatic transmission, a Positraction 12-bolt rear end, power disc brakes, power steering, tilt steering column, Formula three-spoke steering wheel, power trunk release, power seatback release and a handling package that includes a 1.25-inch rear sway bar.

Wortman has seen pictures of his car before the restoration and says, "It was in bad shape." During restoration, the decision was made to paint the car cardinal red. The dashboard and carpeting are black with the seats, door panels and headliner white.

Wortman reminds us that in 1972, a GTO package had to be ordered, added onto a Pontiac LeMans. He says 5,600 GTOs were built in the 1972 model year and, of them, only 325 were equipped with a 455-cubic-inch V8 engine.

"It drives straight," he says, "even with a heavy-duty suspension." The twin air scoops on the engine hood are functional, Wortman says. They help the engine breathe so it can deliver 300 horsepower. The Ram Air vents on the sides of the front fenders are also functional in that they allow engine heat to escape.

At the other end of the car, the dual exhausts exit to the side behind the rear wheels through "splitters," which makes each exhaust pipe appear as if it were two.

Wortman usually drives the pristine Pontiac to cruise nights or car shows, but he did haul his car last August to Norwalk, Co... Pontiac Tri-Power Nat...

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Owner's Bronco has numerous transmission problems

BY JUNIOR DAMATO
MOTOR MATTERS

AUTO DOCTOR

Dear Doctor: I own a 1991 full-size Ford Bronco 351 V8 E4OD with an automatic transmission, which I purchased new. Current mileage is 165,000. There is an ongoing transmission problem that has baffled both the Ford dealer and me. After the Bronco is driven for an hour or so, the transmission shifts erratically (hard shifts) at low speeds and gets stuck in second or third gear. If I let it sit for an hour or so it will again shift fine. The dealer has had the transmission out three times. There are no soft or hard codes being set. What can you suggest? — John

Dear John: Whenever I have a difficult problem, such as with your Bronco, I refer to Alldata and to Identifix.com. There are many Technical Service Bulletins regarding shifting problems such as you describe. T.S.B. #230A on Alldata refers to the manual lever position sensor. The MLP sensor has six resistors and is connected on the transmission. It is the middle component between the computer and transmission and gearshift linkage. The purpose of the MLP is to tell the computer what gear the driver has selected. The MLP can be just out of range and not setting a code. Heat is a contributing factor when dealing with electronics. Chassis grounds are also a factor. Consult a transmission shop for their opinion. On later model Ford vehicles I have seen speed sensors cause a lot of transmission shifting problems, even though the speedometer works properly.

Dear Doctor: I have owned numerous Chevy Blazers and handed them down to my sons. I have always installed an external transmission cooler on them. Twice a year, I tow a 3,500-pound trailer to Canada. I recently purchased a 2005 TrailBlazer that is rated for 5,000 pound GVW towing. I was told that I do not need an external cooler installed. Your comments? — Henry

Dear Henry: I, too, tow a car trailer with my Chevrolet 2500 pickup. The number one enemy of a transmission is heat. Whenever towing or snow plowing, the automatic transmission will heat up. I installed an additional transmission cooler on my truck and would recommend it for your TrailBlazer. Your vehicles seem to stay in the family for a long time and the cooler is a lot cheaper than an overhaul. It is also a good idea to change the transmission fluid every two years, or every year if towing more than twice a year. Some of the late model cars and light trucks now have drain plugs on the transmissions. Always use the transmission fluid recommended by the manufacturer.

Dear Doctor: I own a 2001 Subaru Outback sedan. There are times when there is excessive wind noise that sounds like it comes from the windows. The dealer lubricates and adjusts the windows but the noise comes back. They claim a doorframe is not holding the windows. Is this true and is there a fix? — Rudy

Dear Rudy: Wind noise can be an ongoing problem with frameless windows when driving at highway speeds. Another factor is the outside mirrors generate wind turbulence that causes noise. Go to a body shop for their opinion on your problem. You can also take a dollar bill, place it between the window and rubber seal and check the entire perimeter where the window seals against the rubber.

Dear Doctor: Recently, I purchased a used 1993 Dodge Caravan. On three occasions the brakes failed with no warning. After 10 to 20 miles of driving, the brakes work properly. Two repair shops have checked the van and could not find a problem. — Joe

Dear Joe: There are only two possibilities when there is a loss of brake pedal operation without any loss of brake fluid. There is an internal hydraulic fluid leak either in the master cylinder or anti-lock brake unit, if so equipped. Alldata does list recall #685, referring to the anti-lock brake actuator and pump assembly. First, check with any Dodge dealer to see if the recall applies to your Caravan. Brakes are something you cannot afford to take lightly as life can depend on it.

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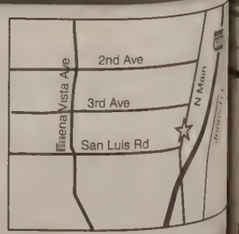
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"One year doesn't make a trend," said George Pipas, manager of sales analysis and reporting for Ford. "(But) for the first time in 20-some years, we see cars advancing."

Source: Detroit Free Press

Kip's pics: Kiplinger's Personal Finance magazine has picked its best cars for 2006: Under $18,000: Honda Civic; $18,000-$23,000: Hyundai Sonata; $23,000-$30,000: Dodge Charger R/T; $30,000-$45,000: Buick Lucerne CXS; $45,000 and over: Mercedes-Benz CLS55 AMG.



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2006 Mitsubishi Raider storms into midsize segment

BY TIM SPELL
MOTOR MATTERS

Mitsubishi's first hint it was building a pickup came on the 2004 auto show circuit with its Sport Truck Concept. This forerunner to Mitsubishi's new-to-the-market 2006 Raider midsize pickup was created to provide a sporty-yet-practical pickup for the urban consumer.

While not as bold and futuristic-looking as the concept, the Raider fulfills this mission. It shares its chassis and powertrain with Dodge's new-generation Dakota, but has an exterior design all its own.

TRUCK TALK

Starting price for the Raider is $19,180. It's available in extended-cab and four-door Double Cab configurations, two- and four-wheel drive (part-time and full-time), with V6 and V8 engines. Trim choices are LS, DuroCross and XLS. The V8 is optional on the DuroCross and standard on the XLS.

The Double Cab XLS 4WD test-truck rolled in with V8 power and a long list of upgrades, including the 4.7-liter V8 engine. Its base price is $33,920, plus $645 for destination and handling.

Mitsubishi boasts it's the only midsize pickup with an import nameplate offering V8 muscle. This eight moves the Raider with 230 horses and 290 pounds-foot torque.

Coupled with a five-speed automatic transmission and 3.92 rear axle ratio, the tester's towing max is 6,300 pounds. In 2WD form the Double Cab can tow up to 6,500 pounds.

Maximum payload in the Double Cab's 5-foot-3-inch-long cargo box (6 feet 4 inches for the extended cab) is 1,250 pounds with 4WD and 1,440 pounds with 2WD.

The V8-powered Raider burns regular unleaded gas at an estimated 14 city and 18 highway miles per gallon for the 4WD models and 15/20 for 2WD models.

Most of the test-truck's time was spent on long highway cruises. Its V8 moved the 4,762-pounder confidently, leaving plenty of pedal to make quick work of passing at highway speeds.

Those choosing the 3.7-liter V6 don't get a weakling. It cranks out a respectable 210 horsepower and 235 pounds-foot of torque, and can be paired with a six-speed manual or four-speed automatic transmission. Mitsubishi rates the 2WD/auto tranny combo with the best fuel economy in its lineup — 17 mpg city and 22 mpg highway.

The test-truck's ride quality is excellent on the highway and relatively smooth in town until it encounters substantial road irregularities, which can cause bucking.

It rolls on P265/65R-17 tires, centered with five-spoke chrome-clad aluminum wheels. These bright wheels contrast nicely with the pickup's Cobalt Blue paint — one of six XLS colors.

There's even more brightwork up front with an aggressive XLS grille treatment, clearly signaling it's a Mitsubishi. Akin to the styling of the Sport Truck Concept, a large opening is cut into the snout — deeply notching both the power-bulge hood and lower bumper fascia.

This opening is filled with black mesh and traversed with a thick bright-finished bar featuring a distinctive triangle sprouting from the top-center. This bar effect wraps to the sides, beneath the headlamps. Grilles on other Raider models are body color.

In similar fashion to the concept's front end, the bulging fender sides are shaved flat. This theme is picked up on the Raider's lower body sides and continues to the rear fenders. Taillamp design departs from truck-utilitarian, providing a bright surround for the ruby lenses to give them the look of giant pieces of jewelry.

Inside the cab, styling is more subdued. The dashboard is cleanly designed with a large speedometer providing the only hint of boldness. A bit of flair comes with bright, metallic-look trim on the center stack, gauge cluster surround, A/C vent bezels and door panels.

Raider XLS models treat the driver and front passenger with leather-covered bucket seats, well-padded to minimize body fatigue on long trips. Both seats are heated and the driver's seat benefits from six-way power adjustability. Other models come standard with a 40/20/40-split cloth-upholstered front seat.

All Raider models are fitted with a 60/40-split rear seat. Cargo space is created by folding these cushions to meet the seatbacks. Importantly, legroom — even with a front bucket slid far back — is adequate fo

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he small cars are coming back

BY CHERYL JENSEN
MOTOR MATTERS

ether you call them small cars, mpacts or entry-level cars, ars will be seeing more of m the showroom this coming s good news for consumers s for ways to save money at p pump — and at the pur- hoice point — since more of these ars are expected to be priced r $14,000.

utomakers including Honda, Nissan, Hyundai, Volkswa- nd Kia are introducing these ompacts, but they are unlike the mall cars of yesteryear — day these of the early 1970s. se were cramped and bereft features consumers wanted. ey were as if consumers were ntimidated because they ere small, fuel-efficient vehicles. utomakers like Hyundai and re introducing small cars that ophisticated safety equipment viously found on such af- e vehicles.

Hyundai Accent and Kia Rio, ch, offer six airbags as stan- quipment, including air cur- overing the side windows to ead protection in a side-im-

ition to those models, con- ers can find a good selection of cars in dealerships, including hevrolet Aveo and Cobalt, onda Civic and Volkswa- en Jetta-based compact GTI. ther all new models will soon join.

Early of next year, Nissan will add the entry-level 2007 Versa sedan. With its overall length of 169 inches, it is 8 inches shorter than the Sentra. For comparison, the Kia Rio, which is on sale now has an overall length of 166.9 inches; the Hyundai Accent, which will go on sale early in December, has an overall length of 168.5 inches.

DOWN THE ROAD

The 2007 Toyota Yaris will go on sale next spring as a three-door hatchback and then as a four-door sedan. With an overall length of 150.6 inches, it is 14 inches shorter than the Echo, which it replaces. The first-generation Yaris, launched in 1999, was Toyota's best-selling model in Europe. Toyota is calling the new Yaris its "most affordable passenger car."

The 2007 Honda Fit hatchback, sold in Japan, will debut here next spring or summer. And Ford is expected to introduce a subcompact vehicle in the fall of 2007. One reason for the introduction of these subcompacts is that it allows automakers to move existing models up in their size, performance, feature content and — last but not least — pricing.

As an example, when Nissan introduces the new Versa, the Sentra will be repositioned. Although Nissan hasn't announced pricing yet, the 2007 Sentra is expected to cost more to reflect its larger size and enhanced levels of equipment. The Versa will take over the entry-level slot and is expected to start at around $12,000.

This isn't unusual. When Chevrolet redesigned the Cobalt to replace the Cavalier, the Cobalt moved up in price and feature content. The Aveo took over the entry-level spot.

Honda is expected to take a similar approach with its Civic. The smaller and cheaper Fit will be the entry-level model.

There are several reasons we will be seeing more of these subcompacts on the market. One is the success that Toyota has had with small cars sold under its Scion youth brand. Automakers are looking for vehicles that will appeal to younger buyers that it can attract early and keep loyal to the brand as they get older.

Another is that automakers already sell these vehicles in Japan and Europe, so they don't have to spend large sums on product development and can recoup their investments more quickly.

Toyota's successful Scion models are perfect examples. The xB and the subcompact xA are sold as the bB and ist in Japan. The company made significant modifications to the suspensions and interiors for the U.S. market, but the cars existed or were in development in Japan. Sales in the U.S. were simply icing on the cake.

Despite this flexibility, it still takes time to prepare a vehicle for the U.S. market. In other words, these decisions weren't made in response to recent high gasoline prices. Still, if prices remain high or go even higher, it could be a case of lucky timing for automakers looking to capture new markets and good news for consumers looking for more affordable transportation.



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If brake light warning stays on, something's wrong

BY JUNIOR DAMATO
MOTOR MATTERS

AUTO DOCTOR

Dear Doctor: I own a 2005 Nissan Xterra with 23,000 miles. The ABS brake light comes on when I start the engine and stays on until I shut the engine off. What is the problem? — Dave

Dear Dave: The problem can be something as minor as low brake fluid in the reservoir or a malfunction in the anti-lock brake system. The Xterra should still be under factory warranty. The warranty will not cover worn brake pad replacement, but should cover a problem in the ABS brake system. Just a point of general information for our readers with ABS brake systems: when you turn the key on and the brake light stays on, it indicates either a hardware failure or low brake fluid. If you start to drive and the ABS light comes on, this usually indicates a problem in a wheel speed sensor.

Dear Doctor: I own a 1989 Buick Park Avenue Ultra. There is a scraping noise coming from the left front. The shop said it was a bad left front wheel bearing, which they replaced, but the noise is still there. The shop then checked the front brakes and rotors and eliminated the brakes as the source of the problem, but said the problem is in the torque converter. — Michael

Dear Michael: Sometimes noise cannot be duplicated on a lift with the wheels unloaded. We use a chassis ear tool. This is a simple tool that has four to six leads that are attached to different areas to locate the source of the noise or sound. The technician wears a head set and turns a dial. When the noise is loudest, they drive back to the shop and look at the clip corresponding to the number on the dial. This is the best way I know of to find the source of the noise.

Dear Doctor: I own a 1994 Chevy S-10 pickup. The battery will go dead after two or three days. The shop said there is nothing wrong. — Judy

Dear Judy: For a battery to go dead in two or three days, suggests either a defective new battery, weak alternator or too much parasitic battery drain. A simple test of the electrical system will determine where the problem lies. If the technician finds that the battery and charging system are both good, then check for parasitic drain. The technician should disconnect the negative battery cable and hook up a digital amp/volt meter between the battery and battery cable. This will allow the technician to check the current draw. Anywhere from 50 mill amps to 75 mill amps on late model fuel-injected vehicles is acceptable. Anything more will kill the battery, sometimes overnight. Please note that most vehicles without battery rundown protection will go dead in two or three weeks without being started.

Dear Doctor: I own a 1983 Nissan 280ZX turbo with 82,000 miles. When I drive for any length of time, the engine stalls and will not restart until it cools down for about a half hour. I had a fan installed under the hood to help cool the engine down but that doesn't help. I like the car and would like to get the problem repaired. — Anthony

Dear Anthony: In any stall and restart problem we need to know what area the failure is in. Is it fuel or spark related? A simple spark tester and mechanical fuel pressure gauge will identify what the engine is lacking after it stalls. This is a must for the technician to find the actual problem.

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Female-friendly features appeal to men, too

BY SARAH A. WEBSTER
DETROIT FREE PRESS

DETROIT — Men are from Mars, women are from Venus — at least that's what the pop-psych experts say.

So is it any surprise, then, that they don't look for all the same features in their cars and trucks?

Volvo's 2004 YCC concept car, which was designed for and by women, certainly shows that. It has a hood that only opens for service staffers, washable seat covers and a wastebasket.

The Detroit Free Press asked marketers, car experts and drivers what makes a vehicle appeal to female buyers. There wasn't a lot of agreement.

Fara Warner, a contributing writer for Fast Company, said she was insulted by a ponytail holder in the headrest of the YCC.

"Overt feminization ... does turn women off," said Warner, who is also author of "The Power of the Purse: How Smart Businesses Are Adapting to the World's Most Important Consumers — Women."

"Some of the things a woman wants in a car are exactly what a man wants in a car," she said.

Here is the Free Press compilation of what women want:

1. Quality. Women like trouble-free vehicles that demonstrate careful attention to detail. But then again: Who doesn't?

2. Safety. Attention to seat belts, air bags, stability control and crash ratings, as well as special anchors for child seats, is key. Moms have long been known to take a check list of these items to dealerships.

3. Convenience. Women are busy and don't have the time for maintenance. When Volvo created its YCC for women, it designed a hood to be opened only by service staff. Drivers can easily add the oil and wiper fluid in easy-to-access filler points near the driver side door — just like racing cars that are on the go.

4. Comfort. Automakers are getting better on this, but still have a way to go. Women tend to be smaller than men, which means pedals, rear hatches and seats need to be appropriate for a variety of sizes. Women need good visibility and the ability to reach the gas pedal or brake just as much as their male counterparts. Vehicles that are easy to get in and out of are also a plus. Who wants to climb a ladder to get into their vehicle, especially while wearing a skirt?

5. Details. Compartments and hooks to hold purses are pleasant surprises, as are supple materials, buttons that don't feel cheap and lighted mirrors. Some moms also like those mirrors to check on the kids in the backseat.

6. Nail friendly. More than a nail or two has been sullied or broken lifting a hood, closing a rear hatch, folding in a seat, screwing on a filler cap or pushing in the button on one of those old-fashioned door handles that don't lift. Easy-on-the-hands designs, with a little spring assist, are appreciated.

7. Storage. Aside from the space for purses, women have stuff. Families. Jobs. Hobbies. Friends. There needs to be ample room to carry it all, with style and grace. The YCC also has a wastepaper basket.

Marlene Neme, a retired woman from Warren, Mich., said she bought her Mercury Mariner this summer for the storage. She sells Mary Kay cosmetics and has a lot of materials to tote around.

"It helps me in my business," she said. "Plus it also helps when we go golf."

8. Cleanliness. Women don't just want vehicles that are fuel efficient and don't pollute the environment. They also want vehicles that don't get you dirty when you close the rear hatch and don't stink after little Johnnie spills his milk. Volvo YCC's answer: Easy-clean paint that's similar to the coating on a non-stick pan — dirt finds it very hard to cling on in the first place and washes off very easily.

9. Style. Yes, this is subjective. But many women keep up on the latest trends, and automakers should, too. The Mercury Milan's two-toned leather interior, with contrast stitching, was inspired by the construction of upscale handbags, shoes and leather goods sourced from around the world.

10. Value. Women want a fair price for the features they want. "The price-value equation really speaks to women," Warner said.

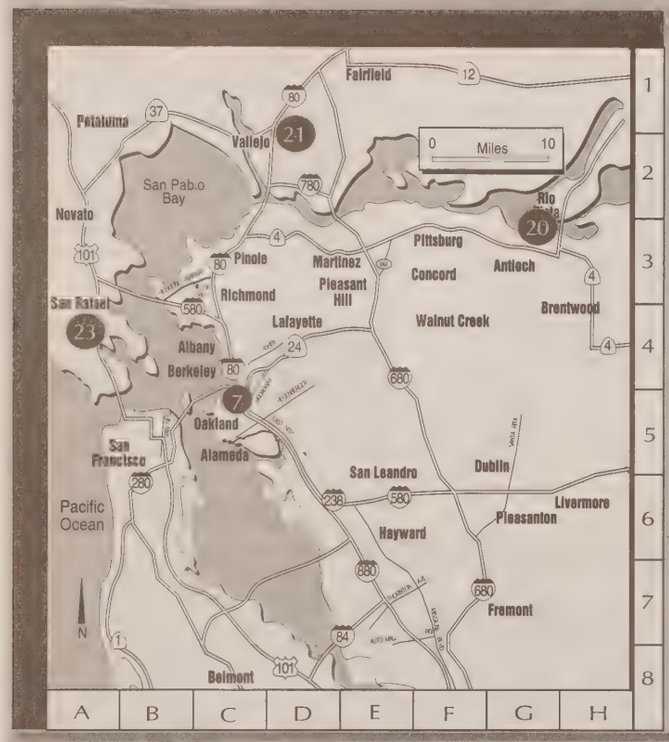


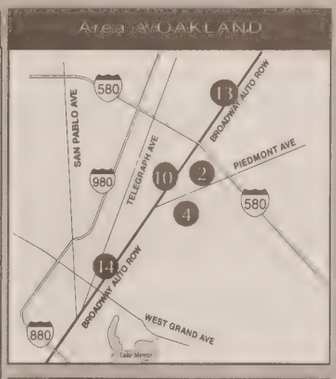
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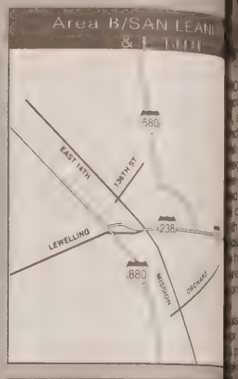
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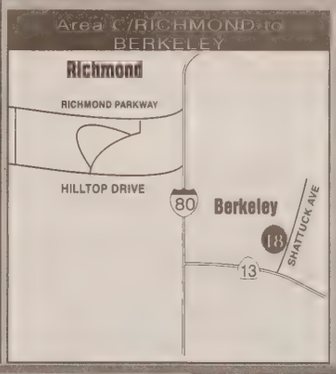
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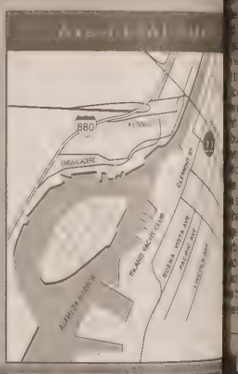
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to industry faces 'major changes' in years ahead, Power says

BY MATT NAUMAN
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SAN JOSE, Calif. — Dave Power, whose J.D. Power and Associates helped define and improve vehicle quality, sees some major changes ahead for the automotive industry.

He's not sure everyone is ready for the umbrella and wearing required.

Power's worries about Toyota, the fastest and the world's most profitable automaker. Industry analysts suggest Toyota will pass General Motors in 2006 to become the world's No. 1 automaker.

But, Power says, there's no reason to worry, at Toyota, there's no reason to worry. "It's not far from when I was there in the 1970s," he said. "Some of the issues they have, people act a little bit like they've never seen people were 50 years ago."

Power sees potential for corporate problems that might be Toyota's biggest challenges in the years ahead, he said.

Power, who spoke recently in San Francisco, Calif., at a meeting of the Bay Area Automotive Journalists, predicted "major, major changes" in the auto industry over the next five years.

Winners, he said, will be those companies with enough insight and flexibility to change and adapt. Losers will be those companies that hold onto the past.

He purposely avoided mentioning two troubled U.S. automakers, Ford and GM, by name.

His talk was full of stories and punctuated with quotes from management guru Peter Drucker and futurist Alvin Toffler.

He pointed to a huge change in the packaged-goods industry as an example of where the auto business is going.

In the old days, he said, companies such as Procter & Gamble had a huge staff with "muscle" that could get detergents and toothpastes prominent spots on store shelves. But, once Universal Product Code labels and computer scanning were introduced, stores simply began ordering what customers were buying, not what P&G and others wanted them to buy.

Nowadays, at Wal-Mart Stores' headquarters in Arkansas, P&G keeps 25 people there just to monitor numbers and match products with sales demand.

"That's what's happening in the auto industry," Power said.

The availability of instant information — from what kind of equipment customers are ordering to how much they're paying for it — is changing the dynamic.

Still, he said, some factions — he mentioned unions, the government and "old-line" auto executives — continue to resist the changes.

The rise of the Internet was once seen as making auto dealers obsolete. That didn't happen, he said. Instead, it changed the relationship between customers and dealers, and, more profoundly, the one between dealers and automakers.

More than 15 years ago, Power predicted huge, sweeping changes in the auto industry. He mentioned increasing globalization, improved quality, more model choices and the growing influence of computer-based information.

"Timing is everything," he noted. And the maxim that the impact of new technologies is overestimated in the near term and underestimated in the long term is true, he said.

Power has spent nearly 50 years in the car business, although his eponymous company now rates everything from computer printers to hospitals. About 30 percent of its profit is from international sales, and it now has offices in China and India. Another 30 percent of its profit is from non-auto accounts. Power makes most of its money selling its survey details and by allowing its name to be used in advertisements.

He started with Ford Motor, as a financial analyst in its tractor division, "and I helped them get out of that business."

He then moved to a marketing agency that had the GMC and Buick accounts.

In 1968, he founded his own firm, J.D. Power and Associates. The next year, he moved from Michigan to California.

His first client was Toyota, but getting the deal required a lunch at a Japanese restaurant with the Japanese staff because the automaker's American staff wouldn't talk to him.

From those early days, when his wife and family did much of the office work, Power has seen his company grow to 750 employees and 12 offices around the world.

In April, Power sold the company to McGraw-Hill, which publishes textbooks, owns Standard & Poor's and counts Business Week among its titles.

He remains chairman. So far, he said, "I'm very happy with what's going on" with McGraw-Hill.

His company defines automotive quality with its annual surveys of short- and long-term vehicle quality, and rates dealers and automakers on how well they serve customers. Quality differences still exist, he maintains. But major improvements over the past two decades have narrowed the gap between first and worst.

Looking forward, it will be things like smart design and new features (which Power calls "things gone right") as well as customer satisfaction that will separate automakers.

Now 74, Power shows few signs of slowing down. He spoke without notes, stood up and answered questions for an hour and then headed for a late-night flight back home to Los Angeles.



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DAVE POWER, of J.D. Power and Associates, shown in this undated handout photograph, sees some dark clouds ahead for the automotive industry.

ving laws may change, but teens' fascination with cars goes on

BY IRENE SEGE
THE BOSTON GLOBE

BRAINTREE, Mass. — Exactly one week after his driver's license, Todd Gartaganis, age 16, sits on the floor of his family's garage, painting the wheel wells of the black 1991 Acura Integra he bought for $3,100 with money he'd been saving since he started working at 14. "It was my present to myself on July 4," he says, "so I thought was a little tribute to America."

He has spent every Saturday night and previous five weeks, he is working on cars with his buddies in the Gartaganis's garage. Todd, also 16, has neither license nor car. What he has are a learner's permit and parents who let him work on their vehicles. He's also installed a stereo in his mother's Ford Taurus. Emil Rhodin, 17, is helping Todd. Normally, Rhodin is working on his 1995 Mustang, but the night before Stratford Driver's Ed license, when the two of them were driving in Concord, Rhodin lost some sand doing a U-turn, busted the suspension and bent the car hit a curb. It's up on jack now, while Rhodin shops the internet for parts.

The state Legislature considering that would tighten the rules for young drivers, these teenagers are typical in the American passion of adolescents and automobiles. In addition to the wheels and the freedom they yield, they utilize Internet message boards that the boys in "Grease" and "American Graffiti" couldn't even imagine. But whatever changes technology has brought, these are still teenage guys engrossed in their cars. Before long, two more friends join them, Richard Murphy in his 1996 Ford F-150 pickup truck and Jonathan Najarian in his parents' 2000 Honda Civic.

"The cars is what unites us all," says Najarian, 16. "We've become strong friends" — he places his fist over his heart — "and the more we work on them, the better friends we become."

"After eighth grade, we fell out of touch a little bit," says Stratford. "Now the main force is the cars, and we make it happen."

Sitting in Gartaganis's mom's car, checking out the new radio, Stratford admires the Taurus's cup holders. "I've been looking for those on the Internet," he says.

"In a year," Gartaganis says. That's when he expects his parents will replace the car.

"And make sure you get the seats," says Rhodin. "Makes a perfect couch."

Rhodin knows. In his room are the seats from the 1994 Mustang he totaled last summer. "I took them out," he says, "before it went to the junkyard."

The way Rhodin tells it, he was stopped at a stop sign when he was hit. His father elaborates when he drops by for a few minutes. "The other car didn't have a stop sign," says Erik Rhodin, a 54-year-old architect. "Emil got his nose out there too much. He got his front end clipped. It didn't take much to total the car."

The younger Rhodin prefers a "50-50 split" of the blame. "There were a lot of technicalities," he says.

That car, Rhodin's first, was his grandfather's. He bought his next Mustang with the insurance money, and now he pays for gas and upkeep and the increase in the family's premium that resulted from the accident. Since his latest mishap, which he says occurred when he took the U-turn at 15 miles per hour, his parents let him use a family car for school and errands but not on weekend nights. "That," his father says, "is when the temptation is out there." His mom drove him to Gartaganis's house.

"My parents thought I was driving recklessly, but I'm trying to tell them I wasn't," Rhodin says. "It's not a heavy punishment, but it gets the point across."

Rhodin, whose "Boosted Creations" T-shirt promotes car meets sponsored by Greater Boston Motorsports, is into modifying his car for performance. He plans to do more than repair his Mustang. "I'm upgrading it," he says, "so it should handle a lot better." The $90 strut bar he found online should strengthen traction. Rhodin's into acceleration more than speed. "I know a lot of people like to drive above the speed limit," he says. "I like to get to the speed limit quickly." His usual highway driving speed is 75-80 miles per hour. "I just pace traffic," he says.

"You don't want to stick out," says Stratford.

Rhodin and Stratford want to sign up for "skid school," an advanced training program that teaches young drivers to handle a variety of emergency situations. Murphy and Najarian have already done it.

"You learn so much about controlling a car," says Murphy, who is 17. "It's so much easier to learn the limits of the car."

"They should make you go to skid school," says Najarian.

Indeed, the legislation under consideration by the Joint Transportation Committee includes an incentive for skid school. The bill would require a teen with a learner's permit to practice 30 hours of driving with a parent or other adult, but taking an advance course cuts that requirement to 20 hours. Current law calls for 12 hours.

These are not the teens for whom increasing the number of practice hours would have made a difference. "I drove the 12 hours in the first two weeks," says Stratford.

They offer mixed opinions about other proposals that would tighten enforcement of the midnight curfew and the six-month prohibition against driving friends. Currently, those are secondary offenses, enforceable only after the teen is pulled over for speeding or running a stop sign or another so-called primary offense. The bill, if passed, would make those infractions primary offenses.

"Any kind of kid could get pulled over because they could be mistaken for being young," says Rhodin, who's had his license for seven months but looks younger than Najarian, who's just approaching the six-month mark.

"If they can find a way to regulate it, it would be good for society," says Stratford. "But teenagers wouldn't like it."

Also in the bill is a proposal to increase to one year the probationary period during which newly licensed teen drivers can't transport their friends. "I think it would be kind of ridiculous. You'd have nothing to look forward to," says Najarian. "We're all mature kids. We don't go drag racing with four kids in the car."

Two 19-year-olds from Revere, Paulo Sathler and Voeun Oum, drive up in Sathler's 1991 Integra on their way to a car show. They're virtual car buddies made real car buddies via Boston Motorsports' online forums. On his rear window, Stratford has a decal for www.G2ic.com, the Generation 2 Integra Club. And Rhodin is a regular on stangnet.com, where his profile notes "RIP" for his totaled vehicle and lists "tri-ax," "race bullets," and "euro clear headlights" among the features of his current car. "It's a great community," he says.

Murphy shows off the studded snow tires lying in the bed of his truck. He just bought them at a yard sale.

"Ooooh, that's sick," Najarian says as Murphy pulls one out for viewing. "That's awesome. When there's no snow on the ground you're going to have that click click."

Under the hood of Najarian's parents' car is the air intake he installed. "It makes a cool noise," he says. "It brings in more air to the equation of combustion. You feel more pull in the acceleration." He put it on first and then told his mom. "She accepted it," he says. "In reality this is a Civic. It's not going to go fast."

Stratford, his brake calipers repainted, takes his car for a spin through the neighborhood. His vanilla air freshener hangs from the steering wheel. "I had it on the mirror, but it got in the way," he says. He puts on his seatbelt and, hand on the gear shift beside him, moves smoothly from first to second to third. That it no longer rattles is the result of the electrical tape he wrapped around the shift lever, just as he used electrical tape on the hood latch to keep it from knocking. "I've been doing creative things to fix little problems," he says. The dashboard gleams, thanks

Armor All, and stains vanished under Mr. Clean Magic Erase.

"My main focus is the restoration of an older car," Stratford says. "I don't care about performance. Making it faster will make me do more stupid stuff."

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454 59th St - $596,000
1218 61st Av - $380,000
1202 66th St - $658,000
2718 74th Av - $350,000
2475 80th Av - $425,000
1918 85th Av - $443,000
9111 A St - $262,500
3244 Adeline St - $480,000
857 Athens Av - $504,000
953 Bayview Av - $535,000
1781 Casterline - $725,000
1741 Church St - $390,000
4628 Congress Av - $469,000
460 Crescent St - $330,000
5444 Crittenden St - $420,000
2028 Damuth St - $970,000
9934 Dante Av - $410,000
2878 Delaware - $385,000
5601 Denton Pl - $1,865,000
5546 East 16th St - $450,000
1125 East 17th St - $500,000
2319 East 22nd St - $490,000
41 Elysian Fields - $643,000
1324 Fitzgerald St - $625,000
988 Franklin 1105 - $700,000
2931 Glascock St - $578,500
8049 Greenridge - $825,000
3842 Greenwood - $530,000
4126 Greenwood - $590,000
6128 Harmon Av - $325,000
6142 Harwood Av - $1,525,000
1538 Havenscourt - $473,000
2569 Havenscourt - $515,000
5852 Heron Dr - $890,000
6101 Hillegass Av - $822,000
7642 Hillmont Dr - $660,000
8339 International - $326,000
5601 Leona St - $1,250,000
3906 Loma Vista - $595,000
3271 Madeline St - $750,000
1865 Manzanita Dr - $870,000
2542 Monticello Av - $590,000
5870 Moraga Av - $795,000
2950 Morgan Av - $988,000
2616 Parker Av - $350,500
150 Pearl St 112 - $309,000
365 Perkins St 303 - $340,500
6453 Pinehaven Rd - $875,000
1780 Pleasant Valley - $835,000
3824 Santa Rita - $365,000
3263 School St - $440,000
61 Schooner Hill - $780,000
13300 Skyline Bl - $1,180,000
80 Skyway Ln - $1,417,500
330 Vernon St 307 - $415,000
10327 Voltaire Av - $475,000
10218 Walnut St - $300,000
1621 Wellington St - $679,000
6323 Westover Dr - $655,000
1427 Willow St - $333,000
1035 Wood St - $550,000

PIEDMONT

119 Mesa Av - $1,600,000
60 W'ood Gdns - $853,000

RICHMOND

645 13th St - $550,000
420 28th St - $400,000
662 30th St - $525,000
661 34th St - $559,000
545 3rd St - $385,000
2722 Andrade Av - $410,000
2611 Bayfront Ct - $445,000
173 Bayside Ct - $292,000
2233 Bristlecone - $740,000
601 Commodore - $537,000
2541 Downer Av - $399,000
2732 Downer Av - $425,000
2720 Esmond Av - $405,000
2855 Gaynor Av - $535,000
1728 Giaramita St - $485,000
1945 Grant Av - $415,000
43 Harbor View Dr - $805,000
6542 Hazel Av - $490,000
3023 Humphrey - $460,000
3050 Keith Dr - $525,000
210 Martina St - $620,000
5515 Modoc Av - $365,000
1344 Monterey St - $455,000
3234 Moran Av - $376,000
5733 Oakmont Dr - $760,500
41 Overlook Ln - $398,000
3317 Park Ridge - $980,000
1321 Pelican Wy - $1,125,000
5108 Rain Cloud - $800,000
2352 Roosevelt Av - $390,000
512 Seacliff Pl - $942,500
5520 Solano Av - $453,500
529 South 29th St - $395,000
52 Southwind Cr - $698,000
1801 Tulare Av - $625,000
2874 Tulare Av - $420,000
2824 Virginia Av - $365,500
1610 Zinn St - $515,000

SAN LEANDRO

1729 140th Av - $575,000
1317 Belding St - $624,500
1398 Benedict Dr - $725,000
2007 Britannia Ln - $850,000
291 California Av - $445,000
14617 Craft Av - $539,000
13480 Doolittle Dr - $790,000
15321 Edgemoor St - $510,000
15588 Harbor Wy - $800,000
16281 Liberty St - $450,000
1150 Louise St - $680,000
398 Parrott St 304 - $359,000
16304 Saratoga St - $940,000
14912 Saturn Dr - $490,000
13919 Seagate Dr - $549,000
751 Valita Dr - $675,000
14452 Wake Av - $525,000
2364 W. Ave 134th - $810,000

SAN LORENZO

587 Heritage Cr - $650,000
603 Via Mirabel - $565,000
16022 Via Nueva - $560,000
17113 Via Piedras - $542,000
17947 Via Rincon - $533,000
16053 Via Segundo - $525,000
15939 Via Toledo - $649,000

By the numbers

ALAMEDA

TOTAL SALES: 10
LOWEST PRICE: $419,000
HIGHEST PRICE: $885,000
MEDIAN PRICE: $755,000
AVERAGE PRICE: $691,100

ALBANY

TOTAL SALES: 6
LOWEST PRICE: $287,000
HIGHEST PRICE: $730,000
MEDIAN PRICE: $568,000
AVERAGE PRICE: $530,917

BERKELEY

TOTAL SALES: 11
LOWEST PRICE: $370,000
HIGHEST PRICE: $995,000
MEDIAN PRICE: $599,000
AVERAGE PRICE: $621,909

EL CERRITO

TOTAL SALES: 2
LOWEST PRICE: $453,000
HIGHEST PRICE: $925,000
AVERAGE PRICE: $689,000

EL SOBRANTE

TOTAL SALES: 2
LOWEST PRICE: $650,000
HIGHEST PRICE: $885,000
AVERAGE PRICE: $767,500

EMERYVILLE

TOTAL SALES: 6
LOWEST PRICE: $302,000
HIGHEST PRICE: $685,000
MEDIAN PRICE: $530,000
AVERAGE PRICE: $508,000

KENSINGTON

TOTAL SALES: 1
PRICE: $652,000

OAKLAND

TOTAL SALES: 72
LOWEST PRICE: $260,000
HIGHEST PRICE: $1,865,000
MEDIAN PRICE: $530,000
AVERAGE PRICE: $608,063

PIEDMONT

TOTAL SALES: 2
LOWEST PRICE: $853,000
HIGHEST PRICE: $1,600,000
AVERAGE PRICE: $1,226,500

RICHMOND

TOTAL SALES: 38
LOWEST PRICE: $292,000
HIGHEST PRICE: $1,125,000
MEDIAN PRICE: $485,000
AVERAGE PRICE: $538,711

SAN LEANDRO

TOTAL SALES: 18
LOWEST PRICE: $359,000
HIGHEST PRICE: $940,000
MEDIAN PRICE: $624,500
AVERAGE PRICE: $629,806

SAN LORENZO

TOTAL SALES: 7
LOWEST PRICE: $525,000
HIGHEST PRICE: $650,000
MEDIAN PRICE: $560,000
AVERAGE PRICE: $574,857

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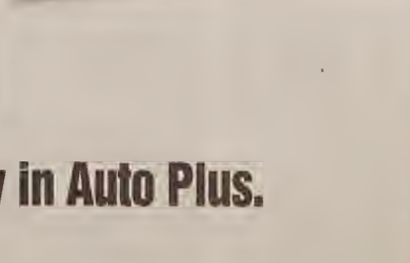
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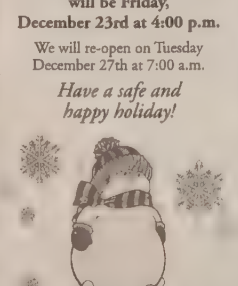
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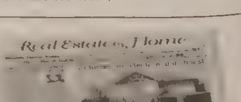
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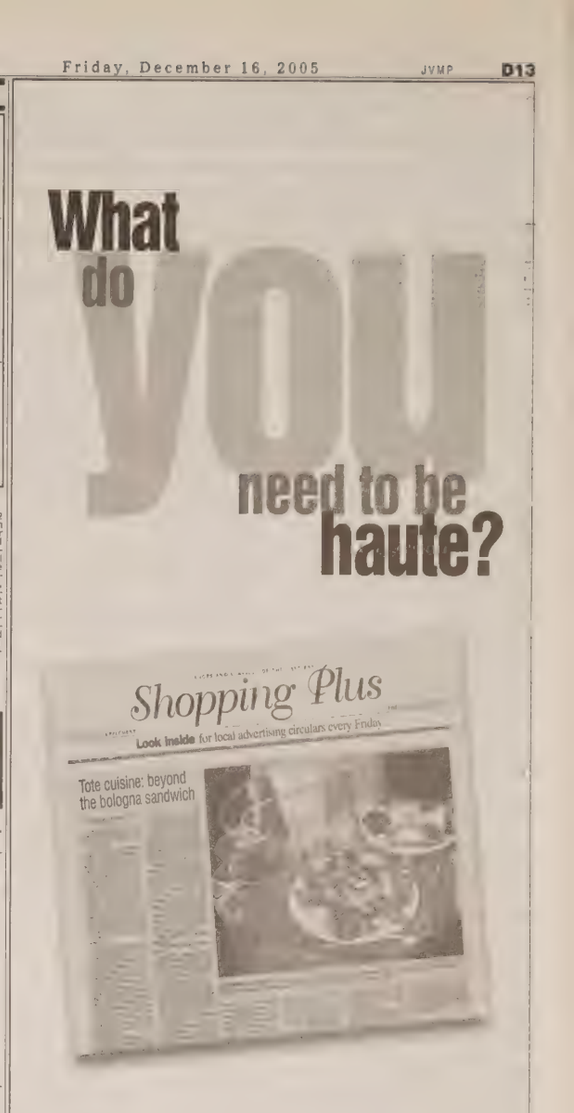
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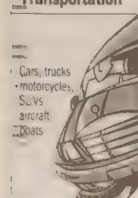


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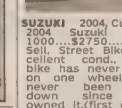
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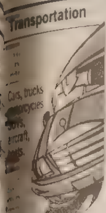
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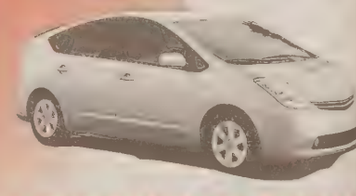
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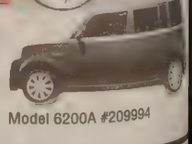
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n the tiniest tykes can help hese miniature snowmen.

erials needed: Standard cup- cans, mini cupcake pans, ed paper cupcake liners, mini cupcake liners, resealable bag.

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(10.5-ounce) bag Dove es Milk Chocolates

1 (14-ounce) bag M&M'S Milk Chocolate Candies for the Holidays

1 (18.25-ounce) box yellow cake mix

1 (16-ounce) can vanilla frosting

1 (14-ounce) bag shredded coconut, optional

1 tube black decorating frosting

1 tube orange decorating frosting

Preheat oven to 350°F. Line 16 standard cupcake cups and 16 mini cupcake cups with paper liners.

Prepare cake mix according to package instructions.

Reserve 16 Pop'ables and chop remaining. Fold chopped candies into batter.

Transfer batter into each cupcake cup. Bake mini cupcakes 12 to 15 minutes and standard cupcakes 18 to 21 minutes.

Remove cupcakes from oven, transfer to wire rack and let cool completely.

Put 1/4 cup vanilla frosting in resealable plastic bag; set aside.

Frost all cupcake tops with remaining vanilla frosting, then sprinkle with shredded coconut, if desired.

Place 1 frosted mini cupcake on its side on top of each frosted standard cupcake, using vanilla frosting to attach.

Decorate snowmen as follows: Make hats by using vanilla frosting to secure unwrapped Promises milk chocolate on top of each mini cupcake. Snip corner of resealable plastic bag of vanilla frosting. Pipe a dot of frosting on top of each Promises milk chocolate, and attach a Pop'ables.

Add details by using vanilla frosting to attach M&M'S as buttons. Pipe eyes with black decorating frosting and noses with orange decorating frosting.

Makes 16 snowmen.

PEPPERMINT CANDY COOKIES

Bring these pretty, candy-speckled treats to your party.

Materials needed: 3-inch round cookie cutter, 24 pieces 12 x 12-inch clear squares cellophane, 1/2-inch holiday ribbon.

1 (14-ounce) bag M&M'S Milk Chocolate Candies for the Holidays

1 (18-ounce) tube refrigerated sugar cookie dough

Green food coloring

1 teaspoon peppermint extract

1 (16-ounce) container vanilla frosting

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

Tint cookie dough with food coloring and flavor with peppermint extract. Roll to 1/4-inch thickness, and press out 24 circles using cookie cutter. Bake 10 to 12 minutes.

When cookies are cool, spread with frosting. Before frosting dries, arrange red and green M&M'S over frosting.

When frosting is firm, gently wrap cookies in cellophane and tie ends with ribbon.

Tip: For extra minty flavor, use M&M'S Mint Chocolate Candies for the Holidays.

Makes 24 cookies.

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THESE MINIATURE SNOWMEN are so easy to make that everyone in the family can participate.

ake gift-wrapping a fun — and artsy — adventure

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get, for a moment, what's In- How does the gift look? e no shame in wanting your to outshine all the others the tree or by the menorah. ney Shaver, spokeswoman Container Store in Miami, you some tips on succeed- your one-upping mission:

ollow the runway: "Gift wrap ttentimes follow fashion ," said Shaver, who says to r "deep purples and glittery rich textures; fun, mod dots; arkles, sparkles and more

d the starting gate: Before en ponder this daunting pro- ever recommends confining wrapping chaos to one area house — the family room, room, even the garage.

utdoor, be gone: Once you've a spot for gift wrap central, ventory of stuff — clothing, papers, knickknacks — and either throw them away or donate them to a local charity. "This will help you free up valuable floor, drawer and closet space," Shaver said. Plus, keep in mind you'll be bringing in new stuff during the holiday outpouring.

Shaver also advises doing your work on a hard-edged surface like a table. "This will ensure crisp, clean corners on your packages and discourage unexpected tears in the paper."

■ **Keep it together:** Pick up an all-purpose organizer to hold your supplies (e.g. paper, ribbons, scissors, tags, tape and marker). Keep the box in one place. Make sure it doesn't budge. You don't want essential tools wandering into the kids' play areas, where things will possibly get misplaced or trashed. (Read: "Junior, Those scissors aren't for making new holes in your jeans!")

■ **What goes where?** When it comes to designs on wrapping paper, size does matter. "The pattern should be in proportion to the box. A smaller pattern looks better on a smaller box and a large, bold pattern is preferable for a larger one. It just makes for better present presentation."

■ **Custom made:** "Keep in mind the recipient when choosing paper and coordinating ribbon," Shaver said. Like if he's a Tiger

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are two key words to re- when it comes time to dec- your mansion or condo for days — or any day, said Chadduck, style editor with Living magazine.

s on what's around you and nexpensive," she said. "You your park or neighborhood so slow down and look. find many beautiful things in to use for decorating.

example, an old branch foliage on it is stunning you spray it white and hang silver balls on it."

Chadduck practices what she preaches. She lives in a 1930s cottage in a historic section of Birmingham, Ala. The 1,200-square-foot house is typical of its time — postage stamp-sized closets and teeny rooms.

"I have storage challenges in everyday life," she says.

To save sitting space for family and friends in her cramped living room, she puts the Christmas tree on her covered front porch. This year, big Charlie Brown-type white lights and seashells will adorn the tree. She'll place a large fresh hemlock branch in a container of water in her living room and decorate it with seashells and small silver balls.

In fact, she plans to use the seashell theme for all her decorating needs. She'll even force bloom paperwhite bulbs in clear-glass containers filled with small seashells instead of the typical marbles or pebbles.

"The bulbs will root and actually grab onto the seashells," she said. "Everyone's into seashells and you can get a bag of 40 to 50 of them for about $10 at craft stores if you don't have a beach where you can gather them."

Her style is to mix natural with store-bought, using twine or ribbons to hang the seashells. Her gifts will be wrapped with plain brown craft paper and splashed with fancy strands and bows fashioned from bright blue and aqua ribbons.

"I like to splurge on ribbons," she says.

If you're wondering about what colors to use for your holiday decor this year, Chadduck suggests you skew to the different. Think raspberry, pink or orangish-red instead of pure red or lime green instead of the traditional hunter green. Silver goes with aqua, white and brown. Gold is perfect with brass and copper works with earth tones.

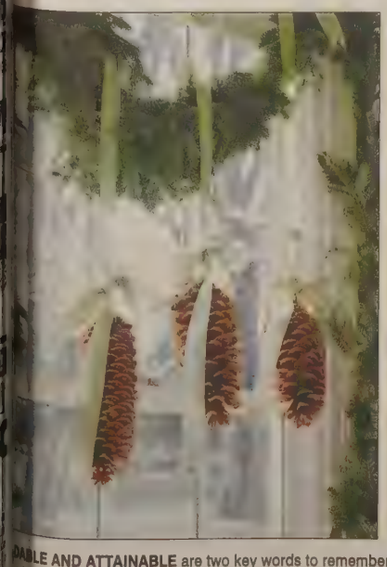
"Coordinate with your interior," she says. "If you use burnt orange throughout your house, it makes sense to use that instead of red and green. And remember, white never goes out of style."

Here are some additional holiday decorating ideas Chadduck and other editors at Cottage Living magazine feature in their December issue:

Shelve 'em. Turn a decorative photo ledge or shelf into a holiday mantel. Hang metal buckets, filled with candy or other surprises, from the bottom of the mantel. First, stencil a name on a scrap of fabric for each bucket. Wrap the fabric around the buckets, and secure in the back with a safety pin. Hang the buckets at staggered levels from coordinating ribbon to give your mantel a finished look.

Clear the drawers. Stuff an old chest of drawers with small, wrapped gift boxes instead of old junk — now's a good time to go through it and discard stuff. Assign each family member — or friend — a drawer, and overfill a few to pique everyone's curiosity. For an added touch, use a permanent marker to write initials on green apples, then hang them from red ribbon to guide each person to his or own holiday stash. Chadduck does this project with an old A-Z library cataloging chest; she puts a guest's name in each slot and fills the drawers with treats such as candles, baked

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DABLE AND ATTAINABLE are two key words to remember when it comes time to decorate your mansion or condo for the holidays. Hang pinecones from ribbon, left; embellish, fill and hang kets, center, and bunch ornaments for impact, right.

Decor

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goods and hand-written notes.

Recycle, use multiples. Use old scraps of fabric or whatever you have on hand to create a fresh interpretation on the traditional stocking. Sew three sides of two pieces of colorful fabric together, leaving the top open; a sewing machine works best but you can sew tightly by hand. Cut a small hole at the top corners, insert leather twine, and tie loops to hang the pouch. Add stick-on letters, if desired. These pouches can hang on the backs of chairs at the table where guests will eat, on doorknobs of family and guest bedrooms and even along the railing of your stairway.

For multiples, group dried wreaths for a bold, geometric display you can reuse year after year or leave up. Use florist wire (available at craft supply stores; one roll should do it) to hold them together, then hide the wire with about 12 yards of wide satin ribbon. Hang the grouping by popping it onto three (level) screws at the top.

Pick some pinecones. Adorn garlands by hanging them vertically at the end of a ribbon and tie with a bow. Twine or rope works, too.

Showcase holiday cards. Frame holiday cards by taking two pieces of glass and sealing them at the edges with book binding tape. Hang several in even rows on the wall or place them on small easels you set on shelves or your mantel.

Put ornaments together. Bunch tree ornaments together for visual impact on a large tree, or use them clustered on wreaths and swags. Your collected pieces will stand out in the greenery and will be noticed by all.

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DECORATE THE DRAWERS in an old dresser. Sew scraps of pretty fabric into holiday pouches; hang multiple wreaths for impact.

The first tree

No one knows who first had the idea of taking a tree from outside and decorating it — or when that thought popped into someone's head — but the Christmas tree was popular in Germany as far back as the 16th century. The first printed reference to a Christmas tree appeared in that country in 1531.

Germany certainly wasn't selfish, however, Queen Victoria's husband Albert, visited Germany, and impressed with the idea, he made the Christmas tree part of the Windsor Castle celebrations back in England. As for the United States, the earliest mention of a Christmas tree there is in the diary of a Pennsylvania man who came from Germany.

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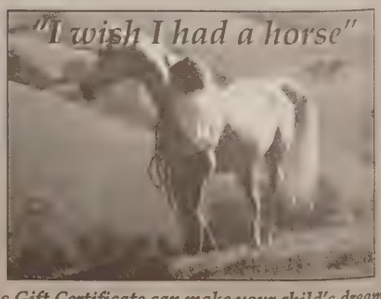
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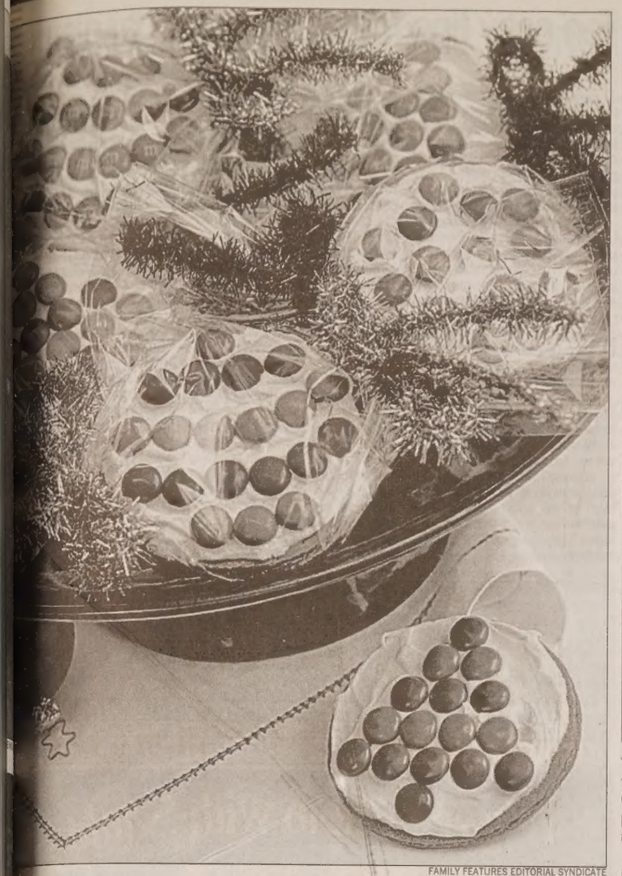
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Three situations posing a serious threat for I.D. theft

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While you wrap up holiday shopping, many identity thieves may be doing some "shopping" of another sort. And if you don't develop some "counterintelligence measures" that go beyond the typical checklist of ho-ho-hum "prevention tactics," you just might be the thief's next target.

In 2004 alone an estimated 9.3 million people became victims of identity theft. Many of those individuals might have saved thousands of dollars in personal loss and legal fees if only they'd trained themselves to "think like a spy."

"To prevent a theft you must learn to think about privacy like a spy. You must understand how the enemy operates and develop habits that protect your long-term privacy," says John D. Sileo, author of Stolen Lives: Identity Theft Prevention Made Simple. "To-do prevention lists are not enough to stop the epidemic."

Sileo knows from experience how devastating identity theft is. In 2003, his identity was stolen and used to commit a series of crimes. Sileo spent two years and $9,000 on a criminal lawyer to defend his innocence. During that time, he became an expert in identity theft prevention and mitigation strategies. Since the holiday shopping season presents a substantially higher number of instances where consumers may be at risk, Sileo shares three situations where you should be on guard against potential ID theft:

■ Someone wants to give you a "gift" in exchange for your information (e.g. You're offered a 10 percent discount on your purchase if you sign up for the store's credit card).

■ Someone threatens to take away your privileges or rights of access if you don't comply with requests for information.

■ Someone says that what they are doing is for the "sake of security."

Before revealing any information you should always observe and evaluate the situation.

Ask yourself exactly what kind of information you are allowing strangers to access, find out who will have access to the info and finally, decide whether or not it's really necessary to expose your identity. In many cases, you will still be able to receive the benefit without giving the information and thus protect your most valuable asset — your identity.

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Ten easy tips for taking great pet pic

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MIAMI, Fla. — Taking pictures of your pet doesn't have to be stressful! Miami's Pet Star, experts in pet photography and producers of hundreds of fun and unique pet greeting cards, offers these 10 simple steps to ensure you great pictures of Fido and Fluffy every time.

Pet Star's photography experts, Lisa Meltzer and Joan Saperstein have taken pictures of hundreds of pets. They're available for interviews and can offer great stories and insight to taking fabulous photos. Their work graces the cover of the new book, Dogs Dressed Up, as well as hundreds of greeting cards available at www.petstar.net.

1. Bring the camera in close: The closer you can get, the more the pet's personality will shine through in the photograph. Emphasize the animal, not the background.

2. Keep the camera at the animals eye level: Pictures taken at high or low angles don't flatter pets and can make them look distorted. Get down on their level for the best shots.

3. Don't photograph a dark pet against a light background: Dark pets can be especially difficult to photograph. Using a darker background good lighting will help bring out their features.

4. Choose outfits and props that suit the pet: Make sure your pet is comfortable wearing clothes or hats or before you spend a fortune! Try different styles to see what flatters them most. People in pictures should think about the color of the pet's fur, feathers or skin before choosing an outfit. Stay away from stripes and busy patterns; you want the faces to stand out, not the clothes.

5. Don't overwork the animal: Consider the age and health of your pet before you start. Animals have attention spans too. Your pet will let you know when they have had enough for one day. Pay attention to what your pet is telling you and know when to quit.

6. Don't overheat the animal: If you are indoors, lower the A/C before you start. Animals can get hot very quickly. Don't use costumes that will overheat them and don't leave them in a long time.

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10. Have patience calm: Faster doesn't Be ready to work at pace and remember sense anxiety. If you vated, the pet know to accordingly. If you relaxed, your pet will

Wrap

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Woods fanatic, check out a golf-club pattern. "Wrap that reflects their interests and personalities creates an extra-special touch of thoughtfulness."

■ **Sticky fingers:** Three words can save the day — and your mental health: double-sided tape. "It's invisible," Shaver said, "and really makes for the most clean, professional presentation.

You may want to go a step further and buy Scotch's Pop-Up tape dispenser (around $3) — which shoots out precut lengths.

■ **Finishing touches:** Again, as with fashion, no outfit is totally put together without accessories. "Don't forget the tags, tie-ons, bows and embellishments," Shaver says.

■ **Happy holidays:** Remember, even when it's 4 a.m. on Christmas Eve and your fingers feel like you've played the longest piano concert in history, get your smile on, says Shaver. "Gift wrapping should be a fun experience, not a laborious one."

Her suggestions: Station a CD or cassette player in the room with a selection of holiday tunes, roll out the eggnog, light the pumpkin scented candles.

If all that fails, just think about all the pretty presents you're going to get.

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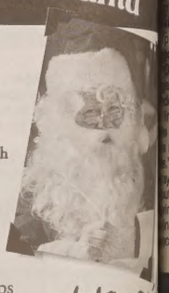
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Ten tips for using a camera phone to scrapbook

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This holiday season, don't worry about missing those everyday moments that add more of a personal touch to your scrapbook. Now you can worry about one less thing when you're juggling bags and kids in the hustle and bustle of shopping and going to parties. Your camera phone will make it easier than ever to capture those precious moments for your holiday scrapbooks.

Camera phones enable scrapbookers to snap impromptu photos and conveniently print them on their home printers or at local retailers, providing a unique convenience since most people already have their mobile phones with them wherever they go. So it's easy for scrapbookers to use their camera phone to capture everyday moments that otherwise might have been missed.

"Being able to take photos at any time is especially important to scrapbook artists — we like to take more photos than the average person," said Renee Bernhard, owner of Simply Cardstock (www.SimplyCardstock.com), a monthly scrapbooking kit club. "Camera phones enable us to capture everyday events that we weren't planning on photographing, which helps diversify and add interest to our scrapbook content."

According to the National Survey of Scrapbooking in America (2004), sponsored by Creating Keepsakes magazine and Craftrends magazine, the scrapbooking industry is a $2.5 billion business. A whopping 55 percent of scrapbookers consider themselves addicts, 43 percent employ a variety of methods to create their personalized memory books and more than 73 percent own digital cameras. Now with camera phones, scrapbookers have all their digital technology needs in one device.

Here are Bernhard's top 10 tips for using a camera phone to scrapbook:

1. Familiarize yourself with your camera phone and all its features. Bernhard uses the Sprint PCS Vision Multimedia Phone MM-5600 by Sanyo with a 1.3 megapixel lens, which takes great photos and is particularly easy to navigate.

2. Snap pictures wherever you go — images of the snow, the holiday party you forgot to bring your camera to, or carolers showing up at your door one night can add a personalized touch to an album.

3. Save or upload your picture before taking your next shot so you don't lose one of your favorites.

4. If you plan to take a lot of pictures with your camera phone, conserve the battery life by shutting off the backlighting and refrain from using multimedia features.

5. Experiment with different lighting options. Photos taken outdoors or in natural lighting tend to turn out best.

6. Use the macro setting for close-up shots.

7. Print photos in the size that is appropriate for the lens quality. For example, if your camera phone has a VGA lens, you can make 2 x 2 prints for greeting cards, photo jewelry and mini albums. If you're using the Sprint PCS Vision Multimedia Phone MM-A800 by Samsung with a 2 megapixel lens, you can make up to 5 x 7 prints for your standard-size albums.

8. Take advantage of online storage options so you have access to your photos for future scrapbooking projects. Sprint customers using Picture Mail can manage online albums at www.sprint.com/picturemail, where they can store, edit and enhance photos, and send them to any of the 2,700 participating retailers for printing.

9. E-mail your photos to your home computer or online album before printing so you can use photo-editing software to add dramatic effects or crop your camera phone images for unique scrapbooking layouts.

10. Know your print-at-home options — some mobile phones come with removable memory cards and USB cables, making it easy to print on your home printer.

"While some scrapbooks document the bigger events in life — weddings, retirements, births — there is something very special about scrapbooking the little things we do each day," Bernhard said.

In fact, the national survey indicates that the themes most regularly featured in scrapbooks are family life at 62 percent, followed by birthdays (47 percent), holidays (44 percent), vacations (42 percent), babies (35 percent), friends (29 percent) and seasons (28 percent).

"I never would have imagined that this technology would so complement my hobby," said Lori Planco of Wellington, Fla., an avid scrapbooker for several years. "I've used my camera phone to capture some wonderful, candid images of my children at soccer practice to use in my scrapbooks to preserve these memories forever."

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A gift that helps disaster-stricken families

ARA

What can you do this holiday season for children and families shaken by this unprecedented year of disasters? Send them a gift of love.

From hurricanes along the United States Gulf Coast to the recent crippling earthquake in Pakistan, this year has brought tragedy, sorrow and loss to millions of poor families around the world. As the year comes to a close, many of them are still homeless and suffering, having lost everything they own.

This year, instead of buying gifts and relatives another sweater or coffee-table book, more thoughtful shoppers are making charitable donations that help people in need and honor loved ones at the same time.

One international humanitarian organization, Mercy Corps, has made it easy for holiday shoppers to find and purchase meaningful gifts this year. The organization offers more than 20 unique "Mercy Kits." These kits give shoppers an array of choices for making a contribution to the organization's lifesaving programs while also providing an unforgettable gift for that special someone on the holiday list.

Many people, concerned about catastrophes like Hurricane Katrina and deadly mudslides in Central America, are attracted to the idea of charitable gifts because they add special meaning to the holiday season. While many people dread the frantic rush and commercialization of holiday shopping, options like Mercy Kits offer a way for concerned individuals to give a gift that makes a difference and gives both the buyer and recipient something to feel good about long after the season's over.

Another reason that people like Mercy Kits is how easy it is to pick and purchase them. Shoppers can avoid long lines and crowded parking lots by finding and buying Mercy Kits online.

"When disasters like Hurricane Katrina strike, people want a quick way to help survivors. People also examine their values and beliefs around the holiday season, looking for ways to express those ideals in the gifts they give," says Mercy Corps chief development officer Matthew De Galan. "Mercy Kits are gifts that truly make a difference in the lives of poor children and families, and offering them online makes holiday giving much more convenient for shoppers."

Mercy Corps is currently responding to emergencies arising from Hurricane Katrina, the Central American mudslides, a famine in Niger and the massive earthquake in Pakistan, in addition to continuing efforts in countries affected by last December's tsunami. In all, the organization operates innovative humanitarian programs in nearly 40 countries around the world, including Iraq and Afghanistan.

The agency is offering Mercy Kits through its Web site at www.mercycorps.org.

Each Mercy Kit recipient receives an attractive personalized card from the friend, family member or co-worker who made a donation to Mercy Corps in his/her name. This card offers insightful information about the program to which the contribution was made.

Some of the Mercy Kits that will be offered this year include:

- A Katrina Rebuilding Kit that will help stimulate recovery for hurricane-affected families while preserving unique traditions and culture.
- A Niger Food Kit that provides nutritious food and critical health services to malnourished children suffering from a severe famine in one of the world's poorest countries.
- A Beehive Kit that helps boost Central American families to more reliable income by teaching them beekeeping, a profitable trade.
- A Children's Playground Kit that helps build safe, colorful play spaces in disaster-stricken communities so that kids can interact with friends and start the healing process.

Mercy Corps is committed to helping the world's most vulnerable children and families, whether stricken by disaster or mired in poverty. The agency's 92 percent efficiency rating ensures donors that their resources are devoted directly to humanitarian aid programs.

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Jazzing up gift cards so they are more than just money

BY DAVID KAPLAN
HOUSTON CHRONICLE

HOUSTON — Holiday shoppers who wonder if a gift card is really a gift have less reason to wonder. A new generation of gift cards glows, twinkles and barks and can be adorned with personal photos.

By jazzing up gift cards, retailers are making them less like gift certificates and more like fun objects in themselves.

"Marketers are trying to put the gift in gift card, rather than where it's just an exchange of money," said Betsy Spethmann, the senior editor at the marketing magazine Promo.

The more popular gift cards become, the more retailers want to make them stand out by dressing them up and making them spiffy, she said.

Gift cards are gaining popularity with consumers, causing shoppers to rethink the meaning of gift-giving. They're having a big effect on retailers, too.

This holiday season, consumers are expected to spend $18.5 billion on gift cards, up 6.6 percent from last season's $17.3 billion, according to the National Retail Federation.

Last year, 59 percent of consumers bought at least one gift card as a holiday gift, according to the International Council of Shopping Centers.

Retailers love gift cards in part because they guarantee that two shoppers will walk in their store: the card buyer and the recipient.

Target is offering several novel gift cards, including one with a Christmas tree that twinkles and either a snowman or fireplace that glows at the push of a button. Another card is illustrated with puppies. Push a button and they bark Jingle Bells.

Target does not charge more for its gift cards that perform.

Wal-Mart is offering holiday gift cards with personalized photos and written messages. The company charges 88 cents to personalize the card.

Many Wal-Mart customers have also been personalizing gift cards with a reproduction of their business card, Wal-Mart spokeswoman Cristi Gallagher said.

A personalized gift card is usually processed within one hour, she said.

Borders sells a pop-up snowman gift card carrier for 99 cents.

The pop-up card carrier "elevates a gift card into a special, personalized gift," said Michael Tam, senior vice president of marketing at Borders.

Borders first hired pop-up book author Robert Sabuda to bring a holiday pop-up theme to its store decor. In a meeting with Sabuda, Tam recalled, it was mentioned how important gift cards are to the company and "whether we could create something magical and special that could bring a plastic card to life."

A pop-up snowman gift card carrier is "something you will keep, maybe put on your desk. It's like an additional gift," Borders spokeswoman Beth Bingham said.

It is "tremendously clever" to position gift cards more as gifts, as opposed to money, to make them seem less crass, said Betsy Gelb, professor of marketing at the Bauer College of Business at the University of Houston.

Retailers have used electronic stored-value plastic gift cards since the mid-1990s, noted Tim Barefield, president and chief executive officer of Giftcertificates.com, a company that provides incentive and rewards programs via gift certificates and gift cards for corporations and consumers.

As recently as five years ago, Barefield said, many major retailers gave little attention to gift cards, but today, every big retailer has a team focused on them: "The marketing people have moved in and understand their importance. Now we're starting to see innovation and razzle-dazzle."

"Retailers can brand the heck out of them," he said. "The consumer sees the brand name in their wallets."

An electronic gift card also allows a retailer to track all kinds of data from its magnetic strip, Spethmann noted.

More retailers are using gift cards as premiums or prizes in sweepstakes, she said.

"It's an easy way to reinforce its own brands and drive consumers back to the store," she said.

Retailers don't count a gift card purchase as revenue until it is redeemed, which means that a chunk of holiday sales won't show up on a company's books until January and February, and stores may be busier during those two months.

Convenience for both the buyer and recipient is the main motivation for 74 percent of consumers who bought gift cards as holiday gifts last year, according to the International Council of Shopping Centers.

Two-thirds of of shoppers say gift cards have made them think differently about gift-giving — that the gift is "what the receiver gets for him or herself," according to an American Express survey released Monday.

The survey also found that 62 percent of gift card purchasers plan to visit fewer stores.

In the survey, gift cards are ranked fourth on the list of items consumers planned to give, behind clothing, one; toys and games, two and music, three.

The gift card is the offspring of the paper gift certificate, and there has been a gradual rollover from the one to the other, Spethmann said.

The use of gift cards has spiked dramatically over the past five years, she said.

The culture of shopping has changed, and there is no longer a stigma about giving gift cards, said Howard Davidowitz, chairman of Davidowitz & Associates, a national retail consulting and investment banking firm in New York. In the old days, he said, "a gift certificate was a lazy man's gift. Today, it's an act of consideration."

Making gift cards more innovative is a smart move, he said. "Anything you can do to enhance their purchase" is desirable, because gift cards often result in spending beyond the card's value.

Because novel gift cards are new, it's too early to gauge their effectiveness, but "they certainly have the possibility of enabling a retailer to differentiate itself and increase gift card sales by making them more fun," said Patrice Duker, a spokeswoman for the shopping center council.

As gift cards increase their presence in the marketplace, retailers will key more on specific niches. For example, Target has something for environmentalists: a bioplastic gift card made from corn.

Houston social worker Joe Torregrossa likes buying gift cards as Christmas presents.

"It's more convenient," said Torregrossa, who purchased music store gift cards for his nephews because he wouldn't know which CDs to buy.

Not all consumers are jumping on the gift card bandwagon. Tina Tilton, a local financial analyst who was walking out of the downtown Foley's with two bags full of Christmas presents, said she prefers gifts over gift cards, especially for children.

"It's just more fun with presents and opening gifts and seeing them under the Christmas tree," she said.

The innovations in gift cards may be just beginning.

According to National Retail Federation spokesman Scott Krugman, as soon as next holiday season, consumers will be able to store music of their choice in gift cards.

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